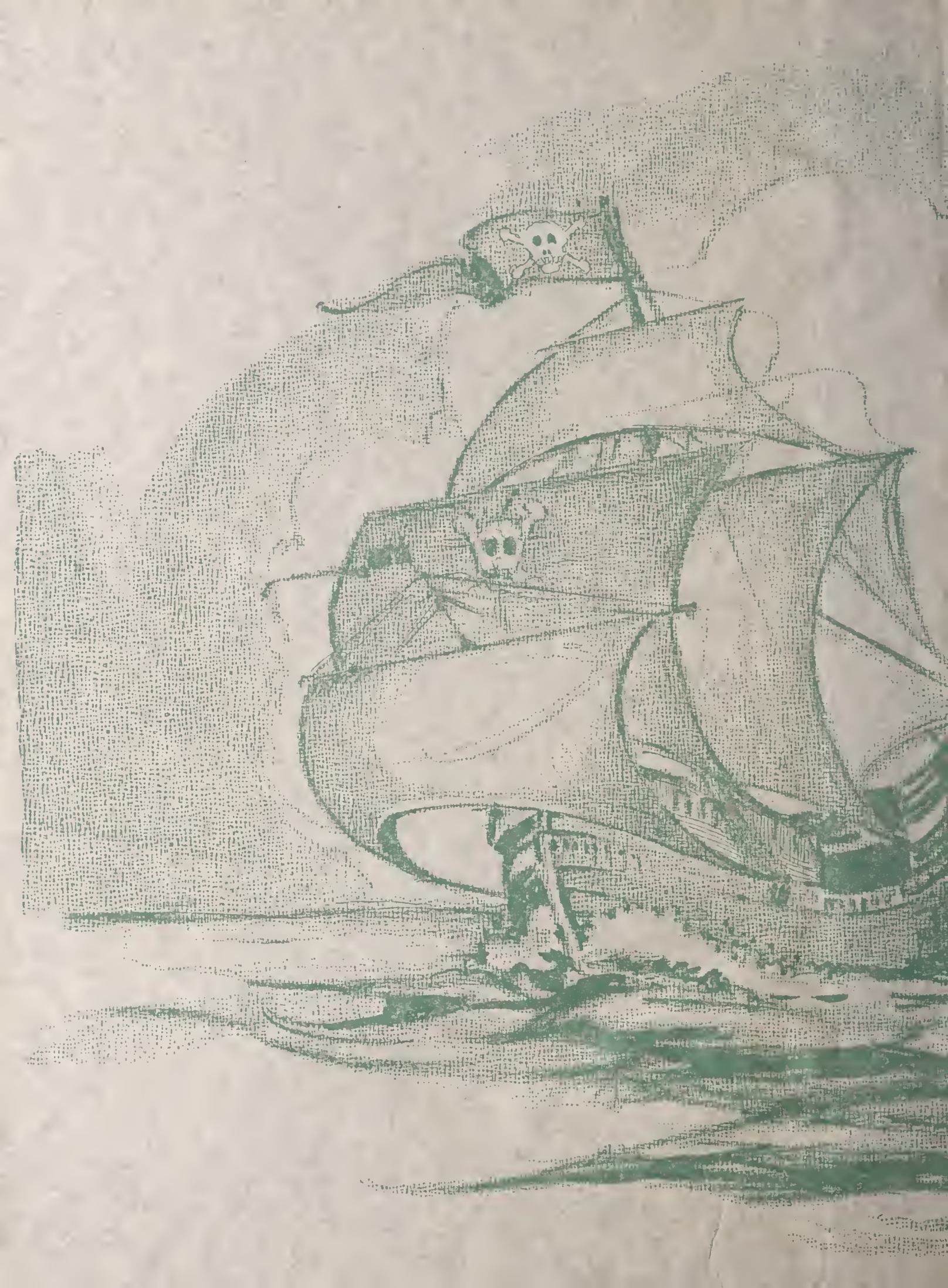


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Foreword



If, in the coming years, the following pages will serve to bring to mind happy hours spent within the walls of old Blackstone; if, when glancing through these leaves so filled with pleasant memories, a reminder will be offered of the lofty ideals which our college upholds; if the result of our labors will help in any way to remind our girls of the debt of gratitude to their Alma Mater; if, in glancing through these pages, those whose footsteps once echoed through the halls will relive their college days and again see familiar faces and scenes,— then our labors on the ACORN of 1928 will not have been in vain.

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DEVOTION

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SPIRED MANY TO HIGHER AND
NOBLER IDEALS

TO THE ONE WHOSE SYMPATHY, SINCER-
ITY, AND TENDER AFFECTIONS ARE
LIKE UNTO THOSE OF OUR OWN
DEAR FATHERS,

TO
GEORGE P. ADAMS

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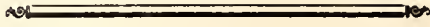


Book I

*I saw Eternity the other night,
Like a great ring of pure and endless light,
All calm, as it was bright;
And round beneath it, Time, in hours, days,
years,
Driv'n by the spheres
Like a vast shadow moved; in which the world
And all her train were hurled.*

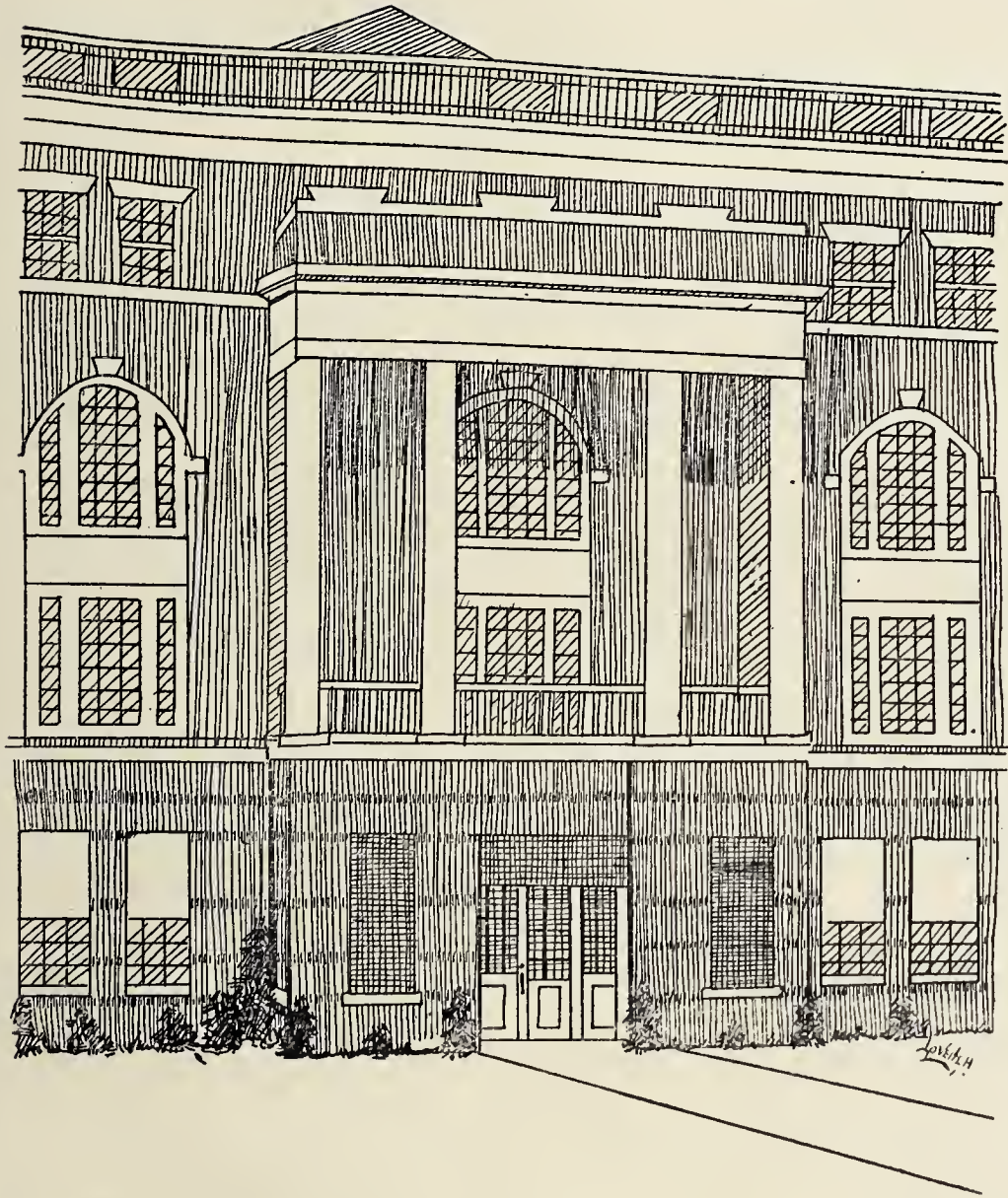


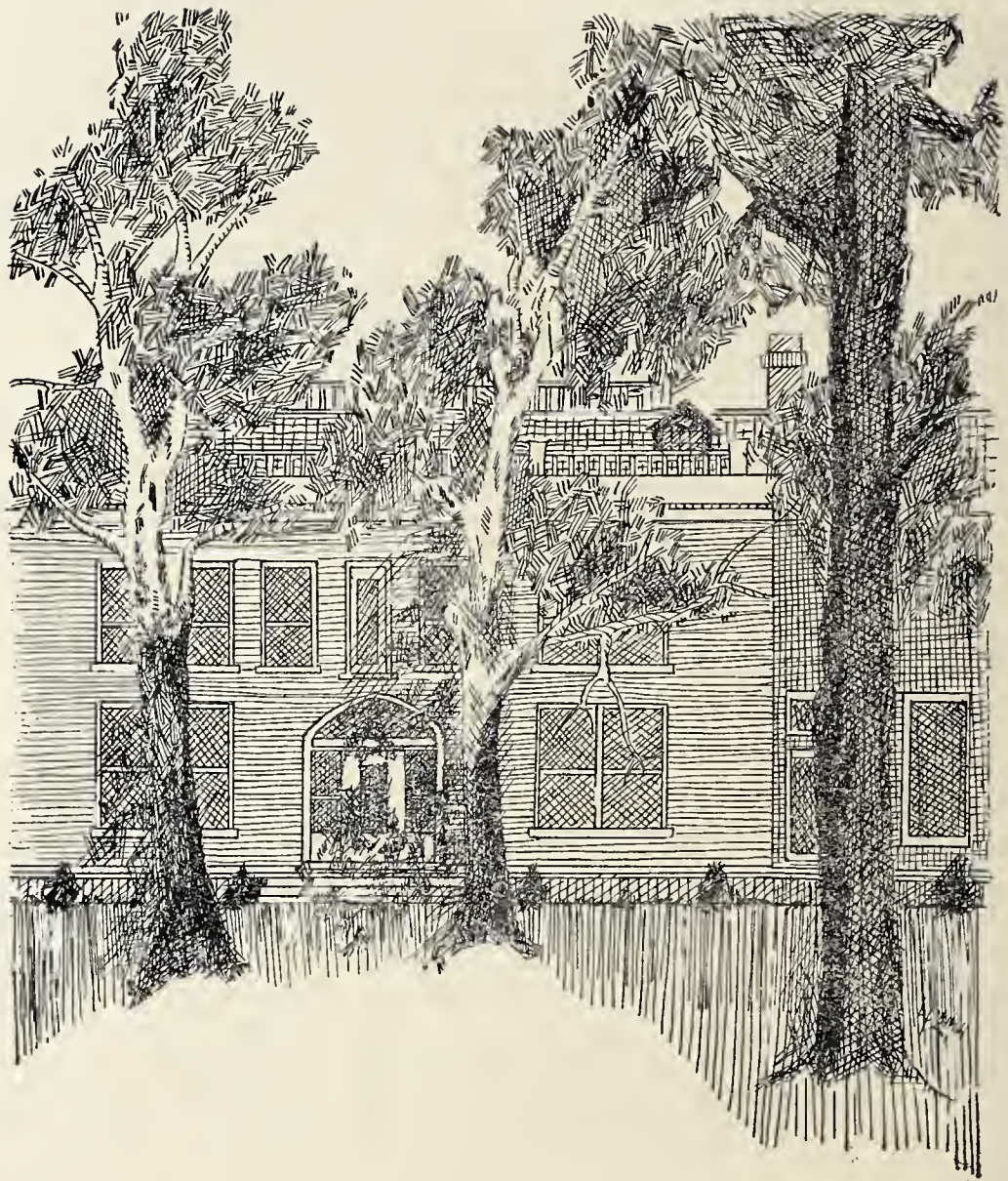
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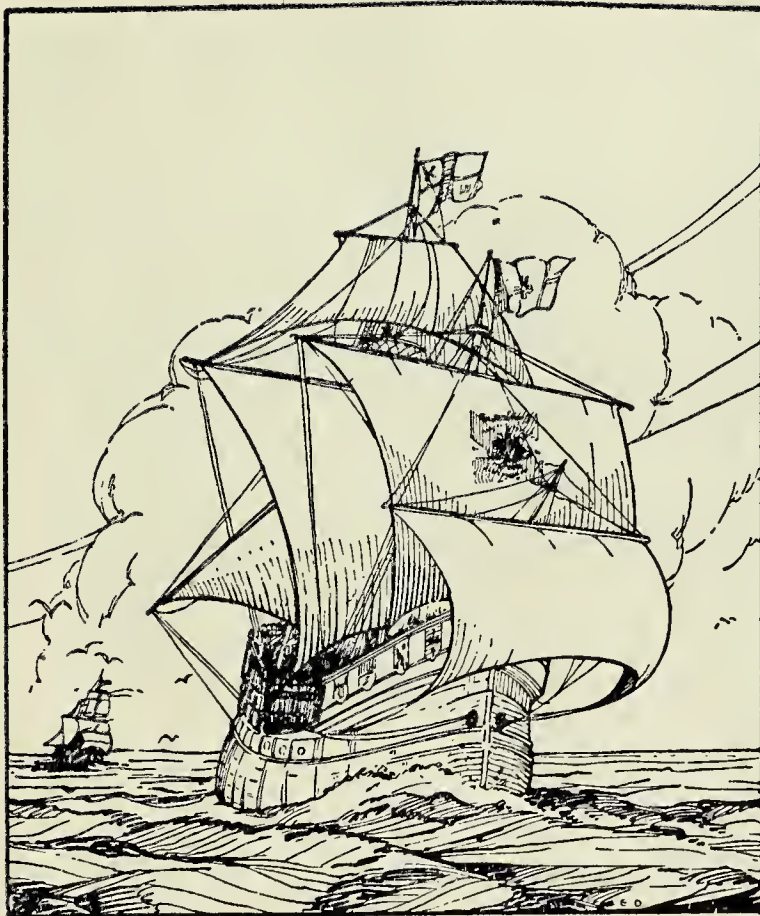
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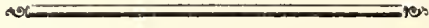


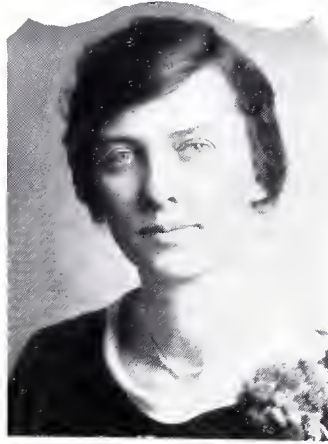
Book II

*Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die.*



CLASSES





MISS LILLIAN MABON
Sponsor

College Senior Class

Motto: We build the ladder by which we climb

Colors: Orchid and Pink

Flower: Sweet Pea

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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Athletic Association, 1926-27; Tiger, 1926-28; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Tidewater-Richmond Club, 1927-28; Secretary, 1928 ACORN; Le Cercle Francais; 1926-27; Epworth League 1926-28; Σ I X.

Steadiness and pluck and determination; these describe our "Biddle" perfectly. She is one of those girls you can't help but like. Quiet and reserved to those who are not her intimate friends; among those who know and love her; she is lively to the nth degree. Best of luck, "Biddle."

JULIA BOWLER

CRIGLERSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Epworth League, 1926-28; Bats, 1926-28; Lanier Literary Society 1926-27; "Rambling Ten" Hiking Club, 1927-28; Semper Fidelis Club, 1926-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Madison Club, 1927-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27.

Who is that little girl over there? A high school kid? No, of course not, it's Julia and she's a full fledged Senior. Julia may be little, and rather inclined to be a mouse, but her friends declare that she is great fun. Julia is one of the folks that constitutes our Senior class. She is the short of the long and short of it.



RUTH BRUBAKER

RIVERTON, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Secretary Epworth League, 1927-28; Sidney Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; Bat, 1926-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-28; President "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27; Dramatic Club, 1927-28; Basket-ball Squad, 1927-28.

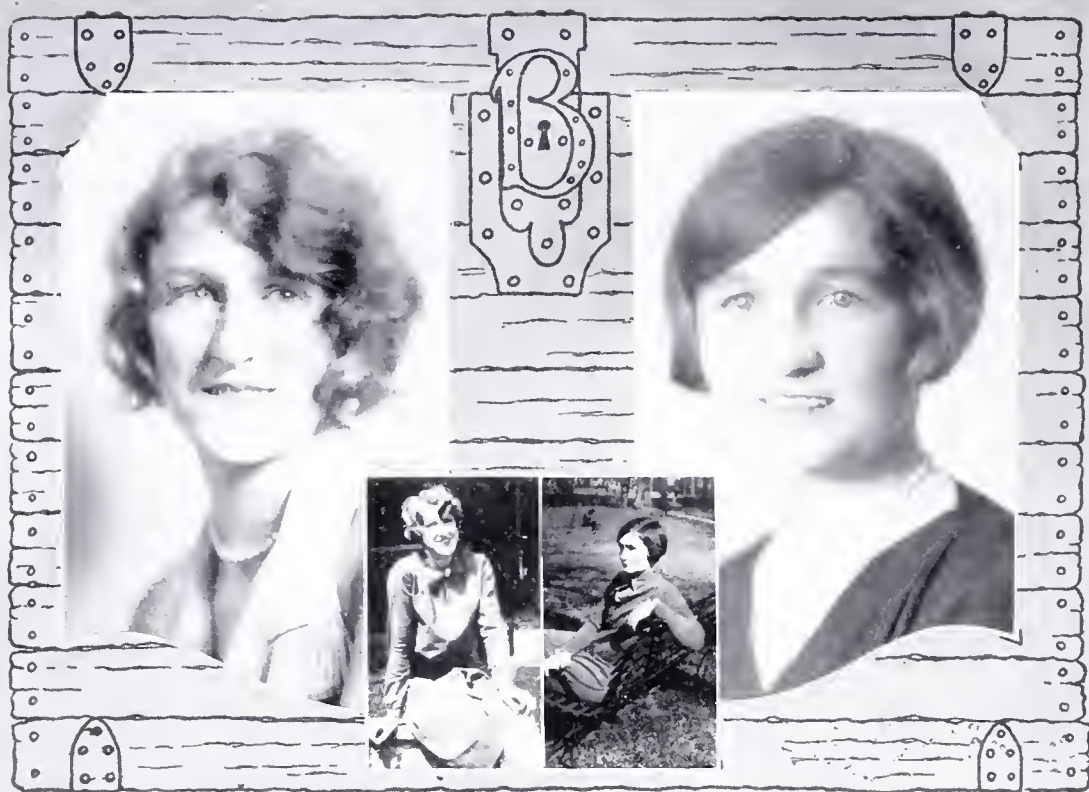
Just "a song without words." You won't see Ruth at her best until you see her on the basket-ball floor. No, Sir! that isn't all she means to us, though. Did you ever see Ruth in any but an amiable mood and without her ready smile? Can we say anything better for Ruth than that we'd all enjoy her as a friend, always?

ALMA HAZEL CARPENTER

PRATTS, VIRGINIA

Bats, 1927-28; Epworth League, 1927-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Music Club, 1926-28; Harvey Hiking Club, 1927-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Sidney Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; President Madison Club, 1927-28; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27.

Every one admires the lovely color in Hazel's cheeks, and the twinkle in her brown eyes. She may be happy-go-lucky, but she's sincere and a friend worth knowing. Hazel is always in the thick of the fun and in the thickest was where she landed the time she went snipe hunting.



KATHLEEN CLAY

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

Σ I X; A Σ X President, Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Glee Club, 1926-28; Basket-ball, 1926-28; Bats, 1926-28; Captain Bats, 1927-28; Literary Editor ACORN, 1927-28; President Y. W. C. A., 1927-28; Captain, 1927-28 Squad.

Surely the poet who wrote, "Light eyes, bright eyes, daughter of a fay," was thinking of Kathleen's counterpart. Truly she was favored by the fairies, for she possesses so many admirable qualities that we have summed them up in our own expression, the "most talented." As a running center, she has few superiors on the basket-ball court; as an artist, she's the best; as a student, her teachers say she's fine; she's Blackstone's Jenny Lind.

MARION ATLEE COLEMAN

SCOTTSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Tigers, 1926-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-28; Dramatic Club, 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Harvey Hiking Club, 1927-28; Σ I X.

From Marion's first cheery word, to her witty conversation and her fleeting smile, you know she is what we Americans call "true blue." Only time can show how much her faithfulness to duty, her friendship and her jollity have meant to her Alma Mater. Were we all more like her, we should never fear that Blackstone's ideals would ever fail to be upheld.



ELEANOR CRAVEN

TRINITY, N. C.

Y. W. C. A., 1927-28; Wynn Hiking Club, 1927-28; Bats, 1927-28; Athletic Association, 1927-28; $\Lambda \Sigma X$.

"Shine" is one of our smallest and, yes, she is our cutest Senior; and some one has described her thusly:

"She's the girl that makes a hit,
Has what Elinor Glynn calls "It,"
Never mad, always gay,
Just a girl that wins her way.
Never worrying, always free,
So just what more could a girl be?"

FRANCES CROWDER

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

Tigers, 1924-26; Bats, 1926-28; Y. W. C. A., 1927-28; Glee Club, 1927-28; Day Students' Club, 1927-28.

Are you looking for a songster? A girl loyal to friends and duty? One who means something fine and beautiful to those about her? Look no more, for you have found her in Frances. We have wished all the wishes we know, so we can only say that we hope you will have them all.



GLADYS CROWTHER

KINSALE, VIRGINIA

Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Bats, 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Latin Club, 1926-27; Northern Neck Club, 1926-27; Basketball Squad 1926-27; Athletic Association, 1926-28.

"Sweet and Low" isn't that Gladys? But to really know her just read her rhymes. The Senior class of '28 will be known largely because it contained a poet.

When Gladys demonstrates her delivery in a speech, you just naturally "sit up and take notice." We admire her for this but we haven't room to tell you the rest. You will just have to know Gladys for yourself and then you'll love her as we do.

MYRTLE CROWTHER

BYRDTON, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-27; Northern Neck Club, 1926-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Athletic Association, 1927-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Tiger, 1926-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27.

If Gladys sings "Sweet and Low," "the other Crowther" sings "Smiles," for we rarely see Myrtle blue. When she entered B. C. G., in the seemingly "long ago," she was smiling, and we have come to depend upon her for our sunshine when the skies are dark.



ETHEL AILWORTH DOWNING

MAPPSBURG, VIRGINIA

Athletic Association, 1926-28; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Vice-President Epworth League, 1926-27; Secretary, Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Latin Club, 1926-27; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27; Harvey Hiking Club, 1927-28; Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; Vice-President Senior Class, 1927-28; President Eastern Shore Club, 1927-28.

Wham! Bang! Who's that rushing wildly down the hall? It's none other than our "Et." She hails from the Eastern Shore, as one can easily tell from her breezy cheerful manner. And yet, she can be serious too. She has a sweet and lovable disposition, and is a good friend to all. Ssh! Let's whisper it—but it's not a secret—she is the wisest member of our class.

RUBY DUNKUM

GREEN SPRING DEPOT, VIRGINIA

Athletic Association, 1926-28; Bats, 1926-28; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27; Harvey Hiking Club, 1927-28; Treasurer, 1928 ACORN.

Did we hear some one call Ruby a drudge, a constant worker? We know that Ruby doesn't have to label her books "open all night," for she doesn't have to pore over them. In her, we find genius inborn, and along with that, we find good sportsmanship. To sum Ruby up, we say that there is nothing in which she cannot excell, should she but try, and besides that, she is a friend.



CATHERINE LOUISE ENGLISH

ACORN, VIRGINIA

Poe Literary Society, 1926-28; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Tiger, 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Northern Neck Club, 1926-28; Secretary and Treasurer Northern Neck Club, 1927-28; Teachers' Training Class, 1926-27; Substitute Drawing Teacher, 1927-28.

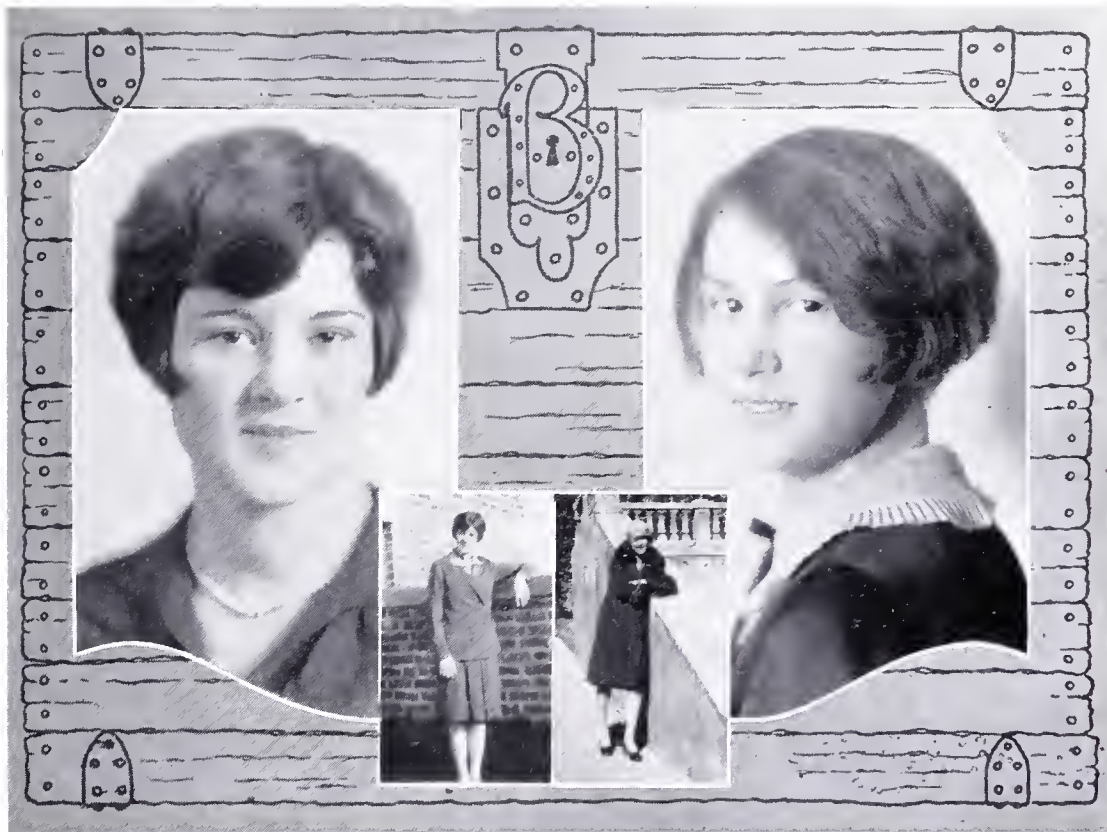
We can't find words to describe Catherine, but we appreciate her! She is full of fun, and so good natured that we feel quite at ease with her. Her room-mates play jokes on her, but she is the same good sport, and nothing phases her. And let us add—she has a sense of humor! She has brought with her to college the dear loving way of our mothers and this above all else has made her mean much to us.

BESSIE VIRGINIA GRINNAN

SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA

Glee Club, 1926-28; Vice-President Glee Club, 1927-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Vice-President Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, 1926-27; Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, 1927-28; Secretary Junior College Class, 1926-27; Tiger, 1926-28; Athletic Association, 1927-28; President Student Body, 1927-28; President Tidewater-Richmond Club, 1927-28; Σ I X.

Browning alone has power to describe the girl whom we love so much. Her personality is so deep, so fine that no word of ours can express it. She's a charming girl, a gracious girl, a girl so full of fun, a lovable girl, a capable girl, a thousand girls in one. "A perfect girl nobly planned, to warn, to comfort and command," is our much loved Council President.



ELINOR CLAGETT HALL

KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

Le Cercle Francais, 1926-28; Northern Neck Club, 1927-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Bat, 1926-28; Tennis Club, 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Hiking Club, 1927-28.

We hardly know how to express "Elinor." She's a puzzle, but we'll all admit that she brings in the good marks and loves good times. Last year we thought Elinor a sweet little kid, but we find to our amazement this year that she has grown up into a sweet and extremely dignified senior. Perhaps she has become attached to the town of Blackstone and perhaps—yes, perhaps that has wrought the change. We wish her the best in life and with her shrewd good sense, she will succeed.

MARY EVELYN HARVEY

CONCORD DEPOT, VIRGINIA

Athletic Association, 1926-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Bat, 1926-28; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Latin Club, 1926-27; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27; Hiking Master Harvey Hiking Club, 1927-28; Secretary Sidney Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; Epworth League Cabinet, 1926-27; Secretary Senior Class, 1927-28.

"Girls like her are very few,
Always gay and never blue,
A charming smile both here and there
Winning friends everywhere.
This is she—but still we'll say
She's a mighty good friend in every way.
A sweet personality she has for sure,
And down in her heart, we know she's pure."

And this is Evelyn. Have you ever noticed the mischievous twinkle in her dancing eyes? Well, we did, and voted accordingly.



ELIZABETH HOLMAN

ADSIT, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Bats, 1926-28; President, 10:20 Club, 1926-27; Treasurer, Music Club, 1926-27; Treasurer, Σ I X; Le Cercle Français; Sunday School Teacher, 1927-28; Latin Club, 1926-27; ACORN Staff, 1927-28; Sidney Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; Straggler's Club, 1927-28.

Here, there and every where with a smile and a word of cheer. Always living for others in her own sweet way, that is our "Liz." She has made her place in our hearts and wherever we meet, "Liz" will always hold that place by her winning personality and sweet memories of college days.

HELEN HEDGMAN HURST

KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

French Club, 1926-27; Northern Neck Club, 1926-28; Tennis Club, 1926-27; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Tiger, 1926-28; Hiking Club, 1928; Epworth League, 1926-28.

We might label Hurst and Hall as typical examples of the famed Siamese twins; for they are seldom seen apart. Yet, Helen is a charming individual herself, and her wise looks in Science class command the respect of all her comrades. Helen will make her mark in the world, we are sure, and we would have missed her had she not been among us, for she has a corner in each of our hearts.



EDNA VIRGINIA JOHNSON

PEDLAR MILLS, VIRGINIA

Athletic Association, 1927-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Semper Fidelis Club, 1926-28; Captain "Rambling Ten" Hiking Club, 1927-28; Epworth League, 1927-28.

We'd hardly know Edna was in B. C. G. if we waited for her to tell about herself. But her actions speak so loudly that we can't help noticing her. Edna and an amiable disposition are synonymous. She's just the kind of girl the world is waiting for; kind, cordial, quiet, and willing to study any problem to a successful conclusion, especially problems connected with books.

VIRGINIA KEENE

CHARLES TOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

President Class, 1926-28; Student Executive Board, 1926-28; Vice-President of Student Executive Board, 1927-28; Tiger, 1926-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Captain Tigers, 1927-28; Basketball Squad, 1926-28; Tennis Team, 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Secretary of League, 1926-27; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; 10:20 Club, 1926-27; Acorn Staff, 1927-28; Σ I X.

What a girl! To tell of her many characteristics for good would fill a volume. Full of pep, fun, and always smiling; that's Virginia! And to crown her other virtues, we might add that she inspires one—She's our President! We can't describe her but will say: "She is an all around girl."



ESTHER VIRGINIA KING

PROSPECT, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Amicae Romanorum, 1926-27; Consul Latin Club, 1927-28; Editor-in-Chief, 1928 ACORN; Epworth League, 1926-28; Corresponding Secretary Epworth League, 1927-28; Sidney Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-28; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27; Treasurer Junior College Class, 1926-27; Σ I X.

Our Esther! Demure, yet naughty; seemingly quiet, but bubbling over with fun. Her blue eyes seem dreamy, but wait! She is contemplating mischief. She seldom burns the midnight oil, but looks wise in class—and why should she worry? Esther is a true sport, and a worthy friend.

GEORGIA MANN

MONTROSS, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Bat, 1926-27; Humor Editor, 1928 ACORN; Secretary of Sidney Lanier Literary Society, 1927; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-28; Secretary of Senior Class, 1927-28; Vice-President of Northern Neck Club, 1927-28; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27.

She's not at all manly despite her masculine name. When we hear the words of a poem through the medium of her voice, it's much more beautiful than the mere words, and oh, how proud the poet should feel to have his work given by our Georgia. Something else about her voice. She uses it in another way for our enjoyment; to phrase her witty sayings. Yes, she's just "Someone to Love" and we are sure the world is going to recognize the fact.



MABEL NASH

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; President Day Students' Club, 1927-28; Music Club, 1926-28; Tiger, 1926-28; Treasurer of 13 Club, 1927-28; Hygiene Club, 1927-28.

No one ever accuses Mabel of staying too long in a class room. Just let the teacher be one minute late and Mabel heads the line to the door. The "other Nash" is never behind in the race. "To know her is to love her." For rarely can one pass Mabel without being the recipient of her good smile and friendly wave of the hand.

PEARL NASH

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1927-28; Day Students' Club, 1927-28; Hygiene Club, 1927-28; Bats, 1926-28.

Just another Nash, but she with her quiet, sweet personality means so much more to us than any mere machine. There are so many things about her that are in that class which we describe as "O, I wish I could do that too." And not least of these is her ability in music. We are sure she'll play her way into every one's heart as she has into ours with her sweet melody both of piano and life.



GERTRUDE NELSON

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Tigers, 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Le Cercle Francais, 1927-28; Semper Fidelis Club, 1926-27; Athletic Association, 1926-28.

A friend indeed is Gertrude. A capable girl with a sweet and lovable disposition. She is always smiling, has a pleasant word for everyone and is ready to help. We wish her the greatest success in life.

DOROTHY OGDEN

ELKO, VIRGINIA

Sidney Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Vice-President of Y. W. C. A., 1927-28; Music Club, 1926-28; Glee Club, 1926-28; Secretary of Music Club, 1926-27; Epworth League, 1926-28; Photographic Editor, 1928 ACORN; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Bats, 1926-28; Tidewater-Richmond Club, 1927-28; Northern Neck Club, 1926-28.

"Accuse not nature, she has done her part." Yes, this well-known expression certainly applies to Dorothy. We can't describe that grace, beauty, well modulated voice, and well! just Dorothy, because we have neither the vocabulary of Webster nor the art of Browning or Tennyson. But just read the most lovely words that have ever been written about a true, gentle woman and that won't quite be Dorothy.



VIRGINIA ROBINSON

CARTERSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; Music Club, 1927-28; Athletic Association, 1927-28; Bats, 1926-28; Epworth League, 1927-28; Treasurer of Epworth League, 1927-28; Hiking Club, 1926-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Σ I X.

She is a Senior type we'd all like to model. Suffice it to say, that life seems sweeter, the skies seem bluer, and friends seem truer after Virginia has crossed our daily path. Sad and lonely, old and young, will always welcome her as we have. Wherever we may go, a little bit of Virginia's charm and daintiness will remain with us always.

VIRGINIA ROSE

TWYMAN'S MILL, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Tiger, 1926-28; Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; Hiking Master "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub," 1926-27; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Madison Club, 1927-28; Harvey Hiking Club, 1927-28.

"Ginia" is the dearest girl. She is surely a good neighbor, and that is saying a lot, for a good neighbor is one who is kind, jolly, doesn't mind how much you borrow, always ready for a good ole chat, and can stand the noise. We love her, and here's hoping we meet many more like her on life's way, for 'twill make life far more sweet.



FRANCES SAUNDERS

SOUTH HILL, VIRGINIA

Athletic Association, 1926-28; Basketball Squad, 1926-28; Tiger, 1926-28; Secretary and Treasurer of Latin Club, 1926-27; Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, 1926-28; Epworth League Cabinet, 1926-27; President of Epworth League, 1927-28; 10:20 Club, 1926-27; Dramatic Club, 1927-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1927-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Advertising Manager of 1928 ACORN; 2 I X.

Our faculty says "Charm" is indescribable; so of course we can't define Frances. It's an adorable friend, the sweetest girl you ever knew with beauty, brains and cheerfulness added in equal parts until we have just "Frankie." What's the cure for home sickness and the "dumps?" Her smile. With a new girl, it's love at first sight. With the old ones, adoration on long acquaintance; and with the teachers, the respect and appreciation for an ideal pupil. The world may give her all it can, and then Blackstone will say, "It's not half enough."

ROSALIE LADELLE THORPE

NEWSOMS, VIRGINIA

Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Y. W. C. A., 1926-27; Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, 1927-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Bats, 1926-28; Sunday School Teacher, 1927-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-28; Pawnee Hiking Club, 1927-28.

A working hand, a cheerful smile, living for others all the while.

We wax poetic when we come to Ladelle. She is a regular girl, always ready to lend a helping hand to some poor stumbler. And she is full of fun. To listen to Ladelle's cheerful giggle would cheer anyone.



EMILY TYSINGER

BANCO, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Madison Club, 1927-28; "Rambling Ten" Hiking Club, 1927-28; Semper Fidelis Club, 1926-28; Sidney Lanier Literary Society, 1926-27; Tiger, 1926-28; Blue Ridge Club, 1926-27.

Here comes Julia and Emily. Since Julia is the short of it, I suppose Emily is the long of it. Emily is a jolly soul judging from the fun she has with her friends on "Council Alley." Blackstone will miss her happy laugh, but this same laugh will go a long way toward future success.

LUCY WARING

REMO, VIRGINIA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Secretary Y. W. C. A., 1927-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Tiger, 1926-28; Northern Neck Club, 1926-28; President of Northern Neck Club, 1927-28; Girls Friendly Society, 1926-27; Sponsor Christian Endeavor, 1927-28; Latin Club, 1926-27; Le Cercle Francais, 1926-27; Pawnee Hiking Club, 1927-28.

Lucy is going to be a big success somewhere where math is a factor. She's another math shark, but a good sport too. Ask her about "Tingier" and she will deliver an inspiring speech. Perhaps she'll teach math over there some day.



HELEN VIRGINIA WILCHER

BRIDGEWATER, VIRGINIA

Basket-ball Squad, 1926-28; Glee Club, 1927-28; ACORN Staff, 1927-28; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; W. Va. Club, 1926-27; Tennis Club, 1926-28; Tiger, 1926-28.

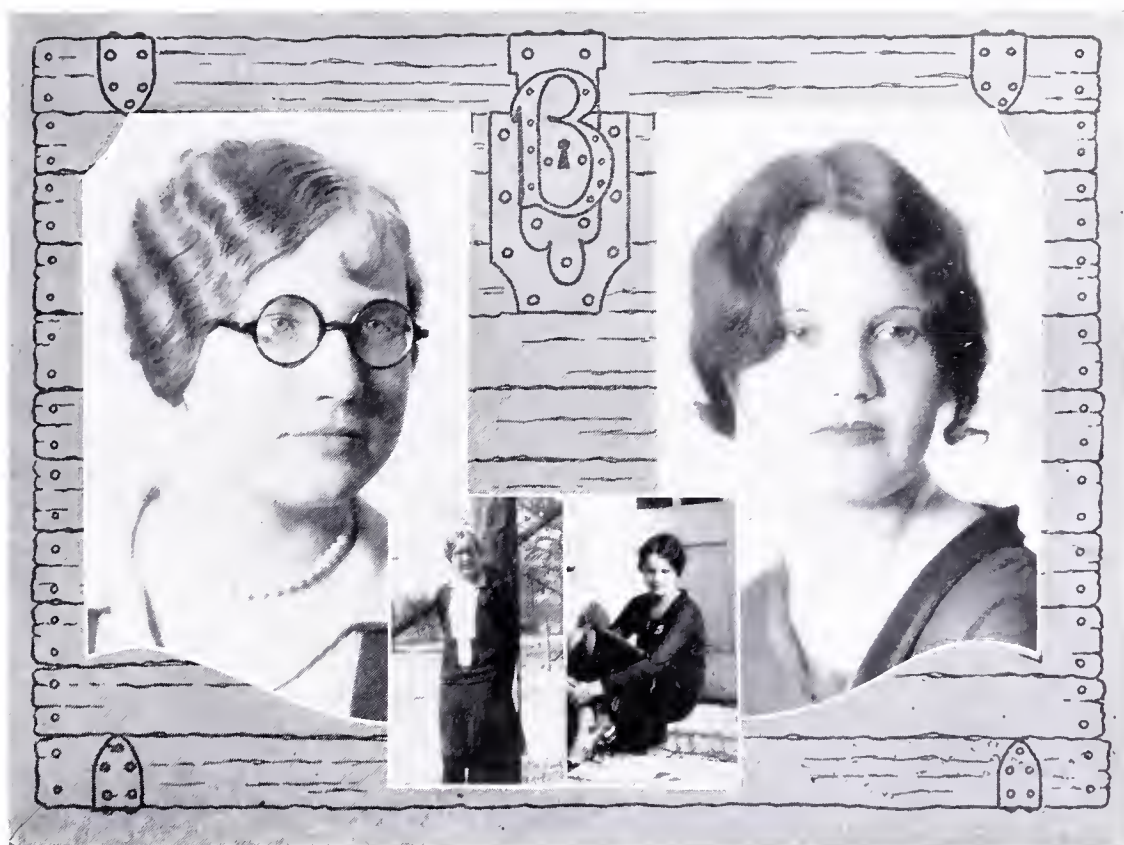
We might take "Tango" as we would a geometric figure, and describe her, point for point, and virtue for virtue. We might say that she is athletic; a good sport in any phase of the game; cute; full of mischief; and then we stop for breath! She's another one of these all around girls, and the words that will just describe her are elusive, and we just can't chase them down.

LUCY LEE WILLIAMS

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

Vice-President Day Student Club, 1927-28; Hygiene Club, 1927-28.

Lucy Lee is a town girl, yet she is so busily engaged in college pursuits and activities that she seems as one of the dormitory girls. A diligent student and seeker of knowledge, our hearts are filled with pride when we send you out as a representative of the Class of '28.



MARION WINN

ALBERTA, VIRGINIA

Epworth League, 1926-28; Tigers, 1926-28; 10-20 Club, 1926-27; Music Club, 1926-28; Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Le Cerele Francais, 1926-27.

She's one of these quiet, sincere girls that one might think "hides her light under a bushel," but those who know her can tell you better. Marion is always ready to stop on her way to practice piano and smile at some "witticism." She's smart, and she has much ability in the musical world. We know that "Steady" Marion will make a success of her life.

MARY ELIZABETH WOODARD

KENLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Y. W. C. A., 1926-28; Bats, 1926-28; Athletic Association, 1926-28; Cheer Leader, 1927-28; Epworth League, 1926-28; North Carolina Club, 1926-28; Semper Fidelis Club, 1926-27; Tennis Club, 1926-28; Le Cerele Francais 1926-27; Poe Literary Society, 1926-27; Hiking Club, 1926-28.

"Liz"—don't ever insult our love for her by calling her formal "Elizabeth!" Why is her name connected with "Bats?" She's their cheery, cheer leader, and don't you ever forget it! Fifteen ralis! one, two! one, two! How can we refuse to give it when Liz asks? And we're sure the vim she has put into Blackstone "rooting" will return to her in her own cheers through life.

History of the Senior Class



GRADUATION—COMMENCEMENT. These days certainly partake of the past. The two years gone are here in evidence in each individual character in the corporate life of the class.

In the fall of 1926, we set sail from all things familiar in a great piratical ship called "Bon Adventure" bound for a distant country, famed for its wondrous beauty, endless leisure, innumerable privileges. It was a calm, peaceful day in autumn, bright with the sunshine of hope, and the sea was smooth and unruffled; the crew, a jolly bunch of eager students, were happy and restless in these new undertakings.

Soon the ardor of the group of pirates was dampened by the appearance of clouds in the hitherto blue sky, heralding the approaching storm of college work. The "Bon Adventure" rode safely through the great waves awakened by the hours of home-sickness, difficult tasks, and innumerable hardships, inflected by that relentless hand of wild beings called "Seniors." The days began to seem a little sweeter and the tasks to grow lighter as the stalwart mates became adjusted to their duties and to each other. While they were not yet heavy with the weight of many experiences they were beginning to feel that theirs was the right to live.

The sea was not always smooth and beautiful to look upon. There were little gales frequently arising, which seemed of the deepest concern while they lasted, yet each was withstood and soon forgotten by the undaunted crew.

For a season the "Bon Adventure" lay at anchor in a safe and merry harbor. It launched forth on the morning of September 17, 1927, with renewed vigor and determination, leaving four of its crew in port. Those who embarked were filled with the spirit of impending success, caused by the near approach of their destination. The pirates had become closely attached to one another after many varied experiences and narrow escapes. It is with some degree of sadness mingled with exultation of gaining a long sought port that they review their two years spent together in an effort to attain a common goal, sadness because upon their arrival at the final port, they must part, perhaps never to see each other as a crew again.

EVELYN HARVEY.

Class Poem

*Slowly Blackstone's year was closing
O'er the years so far away,
Giving to the world its Seniors
On that glad and glorious day.*

*Let us stop and view the pathway,
View the future yet untrod,
View the streaming, glorious, future
That each Senior here must plod.*

*As we leave old Blackstone College,
Leave the place we've learned to love,
Come, go with us, Blackstone Spirit,
Hover near us, like a dove.*

*We will carry many a memory,
Memories from our college gained;
In the future dear old college,
So indeed, shall they remain.*

*In our wanderings, dear old college,
Should we travel unknown ground,
Often will our thoughts returning
Bless the place where truth we found.*

*So we leave the dear old college,
For life's ever-broadening way,
Ever, first, though in the future
Shall our Alma Mater be.*

CROWTHER, '28.

Senior Class Prophecy



TEN years have elapsed since the Senior Class of 1928 of Blackstone College was graduated and disbanded, each member going her way, each striving to reach her goal, each hoping for the same thing—success. I've had a feeling all day that something would happen, just what I do not know. But on the tenth anniversary of my graduation day something must happen. My thoughts, naturally, are of my classmates, each of them occupying a spot in my heart. I wonder how many have achieved success? How many have attained the goals toward which they were working? Ah! this remains to be seen.

My thoughts were interrupted by the sound of the door bell. On getting up and going to the door I found there my friend and roommate, Mary Biddle. We exchanged greetings and then settled down for a nice long chat. Of course I wanted to know what she was doing and where she was living.

She said, "Well, I'm still living at home but I won't be very long. I'm going to be married in two or three months (the exact date hasn't been set.) We're having the most attractive bungalow built, but speaking of bungalows, do you remember that lovely little brick bungalow on Main Street in Blackstone?—the one in which the girls always wanted to go? Well, Evelyn Harvey has not only gone in, but gone in to stay. She has married its owner and is now mistress of that home."

"Really? Well, I always thought she would. When and how did you learn all this?"

"Oh, I've been sporting around a little. On passing through Blackstone I stopped at the College. Guess who I found teaching there? Ruby Dunkum, head of the English department; Lucy Lee Williams, mathematics teacher; Virginia Robinson, head of the piano department, with Hazel Carpenter as her assistant. Evelyn told me that Virginia is no longer known as Miss Rose. Joe's persuasive powers have finally succeeded."

"I suppose she's still as crazy about him as she was before they were married. But goodness! I'm not even giving you a chance to breathe. Did you see or hear of any more of our classmates?"

"Yes, indeed, Ladelle Thorpe and Myrtle Crowther are successfully running a tea room in the Northern Neck. With everyone crazy about it, it's the most popular place up there. Oh, yes, Ladelle told me that Lucy Waring is a very efficient missionary in China. Guess where Gertrude Nelson is? I met her in Miller and Rhoads. She is matron of the Methodist Orphanage. I saw Emily Tysinger, Julia Bowler, and Edna Johnson near Charlottesville. They are teaching in the same school, quite successfully, I heard."

"I'm glad that so many of my classmates are making names for themselves. By the way, have you read Gladys Crowther's book of poems? It's charming. The one I like particularly is *Ode to Ole Blackstone*. I've never read a more refreshing poem. If you haven't a copy you may read mine."

It seemed only a moment before Mary arose to leave, but during this short time how much I had learned of my classmates and their successes.

I sat down and unconsciously picked up the New York Times. To my astonishment I saw a familiar face pictured on it. "The first lady of the land entertains at the most brilliant social event of early summer." No wonder the face seemed familiar. It was that of Dorothy Ogden! Well, well! But what's this? "Richmond welcomes two Virginia airatrices, Misses Elinor Hall and Helen Hurst, hailed as the first airatrices to fly around the world." Truly the class of '28 is achieving fame.

PERSONALS

"Among those who arrived in New York today on the S. S. *Leviathan* are Misses Elizabeth Woodard and Eleanor Craven who have been spending the winter and early spring in Paris and the Riviera. Miss Woodard is one of New York's most attractive young society leaders. Miss Craven is connected with the Ziegfeld Follies and will appear as leading lady in *Sky High*, which is having its premiere this year."

"Miss Ruth Brubaker, athletic coach of Vassar College, has returned to her home here to spend the summer. Under her successful leadership during the past two years, the Vassar basket-ball team has scored many victories."

"The art exhibit of Miss Kathleen Clay's paintings will open tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock in the Society of Arts Building. Miss Clay is a promising young artist. Critics commend her for her originality and coloring."

"This paper wishes to announce that Misses Esther King, Helen Wilcher, Catherine English, and Willie Newman have accepted positions on the staff. Miss King will be editor-in-chief with Miss Wilcher as the advertising manager. Miss English, a cartoonist of note, has been employed in that capacity. Miss Newman will furnish tested recipes for our column, *Good Things to Eat*."

Tiring of the paper I went over to the radio and turned it on.

"This is station WEAJ, New York City, broadcasting. The next number on our program will be a lecture, *The Younger Generation and Its Future* by Miss Ethel Downing, a student of Harvard University."

Crack, crack, snap, bang!

"Oh, shucks! Why can't I hear that? I hate static."

"Station WBAL, Baltimore, broadcasting. Miss Marion Winn is giving her graduating recital from Peabody Conservatory. The next number will be Liszt's *Rhapsodic Number Eleven*."

"Oh! now to enjoy some good music!"

Slip, plunk, bang.

"Station WLS, Chicago, broadcasting. The opening number of our program will be a talk, *The Correct Use of Wit*, by Miss Georgia Mann, Editor of *College Humor*."

Snap, bang!

"More static, and I want to hear that talk so much. I'll just have to try something else."

"This is station WTAM, Cincinnati, broadcasting. Our program tonight will feature the Nash sisters, Misses Mabel and Pearl, graduates of the Cincinnati Conservatory. Their program will include"—

Boom, zip, bah!

"This is an awful night for radio. I've never heard so much static."

"Station WRC, Washington, broadcasting. Miss Frances Saunders, founder and president of the Saunders School of Expression, which now ranks with the Marjorie Webster School of Expression and Physical Education, will now read for us. Her first number will be *Ode to Ole Blackstone*."

"How singular—Gladys Crowther's poem!"

Pop, crackle!

"This is station WJZ New York, broadcasting. The next number on the program for the musical hour will be a vocal solo by Miss Frances Crowder, entitled"—

Bing, bang, puff!

"Station WEAJ, New York, broadcasting. Miss Elizabeth Holman, a graduate nurse of Saint Luke's Hospital will now give a talk on *Personal Hygiene*."

Bang, zip, scratch!

"You have just been listening to a speech made by Miss Virginia Keene, of West Virginia, on the subject of *Friendly Interstate Relations*. Miss Keene was recently elected governor of West Virginia by an overwhelming majority."

"This WRVA, Edgeworth Tobacco Station, Richmond, Virginia, broadcasting. Miss Marion Coleman, one of Virginia's Senators, will be the next speaker. Her subject will be *Virginia and Her Schools*."

As I had found that all my classmates were successful, I waited to hear no more. That was sufficient. Each had built the ladder by which she had climbed to the pinnacle of achievement. Each had realized the truth of Longfellow in *The Builders*.

"Build today, then, strong and sure
With a firm and ample base
And ascending and secure
Shall tomorrow find its place."

GRINNAN, '28.

Noted Pirates



Wittiest



G. Mann -

Wiseest



E. Downing

Most Stylish



D. Ogden -

Cutest



E. Craven -

Class Baby



V. Robinson -

Best Sport
Best All-Round -



V. Keene -

Most Original



E. Holman -

Most Athletic



H. Wilcher -

Happy-go-lucky



E. King -

Most Mischievous



E. Harvey -

Biggest Hint



E. Woodward -



MISS FAN GATES
Sponsor

College Junior Class

Motto: There's no pathway of flowers leading to glory

Colors: Green and White

Flower: White Rose

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BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

DOROTHY BRIDGFORTH

KENBRIDGE, VIRGINIA

ELIZABETH CLARKE

APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

LUCILE CUMMINGS

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

KATHRYN EYE

CLOVERDALE, VIRGINIA

BARBARA FISHER

SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA

ANNIE FRUIT

GORDONSVILLE, VIRGINIA

ELIZABETH GODWIN

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

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VIRGINIA HALLIGAN

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

BERNICE HAMMOCK

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

RANDOLPH HARDY

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA





HELEN HAWTHORNE

WHITE STONE, VIRGINIA

HELEN HUDSON

SOUTH HILL, VIRGINIA

ELIZABETH HURTT

FRANKTOWN, VIRGINIA

ALLIE KELLY

MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA

NORENE KING

GASBURG, VIRGINIA

ABILENE KUTZ

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MARY ELLICE LEE
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

SHIRLEY LINTHICUM
DENDRON, VIRGINIA

RUTH MAGNESS
ESMONT, VIRGINIA

JULIA MAPP
BIRD'S NEST, VIRGINIA

OPAL MARSHALL
FRANKFORT, WEST VIRGINIA

AGATHA MOORE
ROANOKE RAPIDS, NORTH CAROLINA





DAISY NASH

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA NEEL

MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA

MILDRED PURDUM

HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

MARGARET RAWLINSON

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

FRANCES REED

HINNON, VIRGINIA

RUTH ROGERS

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

MARY LOUISE RYMAN

BRIDGETON, NORTH CAROLINA

BERYL TITUS

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

BROOKIE TUGGLE

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

ELIZABETH TURNER

EXMORE, VIRGINIA

EUGENIA WHITE

SCOTTSVILLE, VIRGINIA





Special Students

ANNIE LAURIE BARDEN

CREWE, VIRGINIA

EVA BELLE DEANE

BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

RUTH JOHNSON

GORDONSVILLE, VIRGINIA

MARY KELLAM

BELLE HAVEN, VIRGINIA

ANNE LINDSAY

CULPEPER, VIRGINIA

Special Students

HELEN SWANN MARKS

NEWSOMS, VIRGINIA

ELIZABETH PAYNE

PHENIX, VIRGINIA

MARY HOLMES SMITH

SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA

HELEN AUDREY TREVEY

PLEASANT VIEW, VIRGINIA

LILLIAN WYNN

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA







MISS NINA BRADSHAW
Sponsor

Commercial Department

Motto: Scientia est potentia

Colors: Maroon and Gold

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FRANCES VAN DEVENTER.. *Secretary-Treasurer* CATHRYN HATCHER

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Commercial Seniors

ELMER CLARK

ROSEMARY, N. C.

"Mop"

13 Club; N. C. Club; Tigers; Harvey Hiking Club; B. Y. P. U.; Y. W. C. A.; Athletic Association, 1927.

Symbolic of the state from which she comes, alert, attractive, and beautiful—she will be perhaps, the terror of all business men's wives.

EULALIA KELLAM

PAINTER, VA.

"Eaty"

Monroe Honor Club; Harvey Hiking Club; Bats; Athletic Association; Epworth League; Y. W. C. A.

Out for a good time, in for work, cheerful, optimistic, and capable of sound thinking—that's Eulalia!

ELMA NELSON

ABELINE, VA.

"Ama"

Monroe Honor Club; Secretary-Treasurer of B. Y. P. U.; Secretary-Treasurer Young People's Department; Y. W. C. A. Cabinet; Tigers.

The kind of a girl who easily leads her classes. The kind of a girl a man likes to have meet him at the front door after a hard day at the office.

MARGARET OVERSTREET

BEDFORD, VA.

"Marg'e"

President Commercial Senior Class; Vice-President Junior Commercial Class, 1926-27; Member Student Executive Board; President Sidney Lanier Literary Society; Vice-President Secretarial Club; Tigers.

She is not a preacher's daughter, but just a nice kid. A girl who can be an ideal friend, and who can meet an enemy on the square.

JULIA SMITH

DANVILLE, VA.

"Ju"

13 Club; Vice-President of Commercial Senior Class; Sponsor B. Y. P. U.; Basketball Squad, 1927-28; Tennis Club; Bats; Athletic Association, 1924-28; Y. W. C. A.; Poe Literary Society.

Speaking of IT? She has IT.

Not afraid to think, and not afraid to say what she thinks. A girl worth knowing.

MARGARET TIPPETT

BRANDYWINE, MD.

"Mickey" "Tippett"

Monroe Honor Club; "Flock o' Trampers Hyking Klub"; Tigers; Athletic Association; Epworth League; Y. W. C. A.; Maryland Club; Secretarial Club.

She is the State's Calculator—knowing how to handle a Crank—be careful that she doesn't make a crank out of you!—a friend who doesn't hesitate to tell you when you are wrong or to applaud when right.

FRANCES VAN DEVENTER

BOYCE, VA.

"Dizzy"

Secretary-Treasurer of Commercial Senior Class; Monroe Honor Club; Christian Endeavor; Music Club; Tigers; Athletic Association.

She is a blonde, therefore, supposed to be dumb. However, "Dizzy" is an exception. Having kept her "books" straight, we are confident that life will have no crooks for her.





Commercial Junior Class

MARY MELISSA ANDREWS

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

"We gazed, and still our wonder grew,
How one small head carried all she knew."

ELOISE BARNES

CHASE CITY, VA.

"Her heart is in her work, and her work is
in her heart."

MARY LEIGH BAUGHAN

RICHMOND, VA.

"As brimful of mischief, wit and glee,
As ever a human frame can be."

EMMA DENNEY

NORFOLK, VA.

"A charming disposition with a pleasant
word and a smile for everyone."

CATHRYN HATCHER

BEDFORD, VA.

"Small, quiet, and cheerful, and
Oh! how dear to us."

JOE E. HAMM
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

With all her wit and humor, "Joe" is the
life of her class.

SUSIE JAMES
WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

"Pleasure of every kind satisfies."

CAREY LANE
DENDRON, VA.

"True, sincere, sweet, and kind,
Another like Carey is hard to find."

ALICE MITCHELL
MIDDLEBURG, VA.

"The world's no better if we worry,
Life's no longer if we hurry."

LUCY ROGERS
YALE, VA.

"Ambition has no rest for Lucy,
And she's a true friend to the world."





MARY LOUISE RITTER

WASHINGTON, D. C.

"Full of fun and mischief too,
Doing things she shouldn't do."

ROSALIE SPENCER

RICHMOND, VA.

"Good nature and good sense are good
companions."

CATHERINE TUCKER

RAWLINGS, VA.

"No matter what the subject be—
For information come to me."

EMMA LOU WATKINS

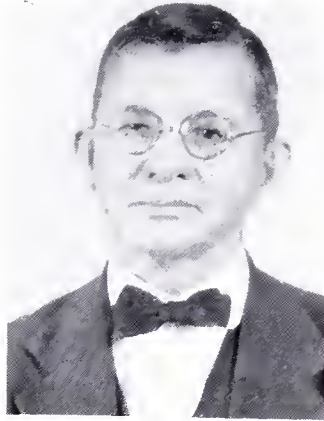
KENBRIDGE, VA.

"Common sense is the famous daughter of
reason."

ISLA WOOD

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

"A cheerful life devoid of care,
A happy laugh heard everywhere."



MR. GEORGE P. ADAMS
Sponsor

Teacher Training Class

Motto: Green but growing

Colors: Green and White

Flower: Lily of the Valley

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ETHEL MARTIN.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
KATHLEEN TAYLOR.....	<i>Secretary and Treasurer</i>



Class Roll

Janet Bailey
Evelyn Bradner
Senora Cocke
Garnet Ford
Mae Hobgood
Inez Newman

Ellen Tune
Alise Wells
Christine Williams
Margaret Williams
Frances Wilson
Nelle Younger



MISS SWANN MARKS
Sponsor

High School Senior Class

Motto: "We finish to begin"

Colors: Silver and Maroon

Flower: White Rose

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RUBY ADAMS.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
LUCILE VEITCH.....	<i>Secretary</i>
FRANCES DALTON.....	<i>Treasurer</i>



RUBY ADAMS

Perhaps you think it is an easy job to have so much to do, to carry off so many honors, and to keep sweet all at the same time. But Ruby is the one among many who can do this. Besides she is pretty, charming, witty—in short she is an all-round girl, one whom we recognize as ideal. She not only has ideals but she puts them into practice. She is the very essence of worth and we are proud to claim her as our own.

ALDINE BEERY

An ideal Blackstone girl, a girl whom we as Seniors are proud to claim as our leader—a girl Blackstone will not forget. "Curly" will make friends readily wherever she goes—friends who will love and admire her; friends who will always be proud of her.

VIRGINIA COMPTON

Virginia is witty and a most pleasing companion. Her vivacious and lovable manner has won friends for her who will always remember her as a fine sport, a good student, and the best of pals. Here's to you, "Ginna, you are not too good, you are not too bad, but just right"—a girl worth knowing.

MILDRED CROWE

Although quiet, "still water runs deep." Mildred is one of the sweetest and one of the fairest and squarest girls in school. She has a smile for everybody and a heart almost unbelievably huge. May life hold many rich blessings in store for you, Mildred.

KATHERINE CRUMP

Katherine is jolly, chuck full of fun, and is always nice to everybody. She is studious, reliable and always ready to help others. "Kitty" is a true pal to her many friends who are certain of her success in life. Luck to you and may you have a most successful and happy future.

FRANCES DALTON

It is nice to be natural when you are naturally nice. Aside from being one of the truest, prettiest, and most lovable girls anyone could want for a friend, she is very artistic. We think she is expecting to be a Pastor's assistant. Perhaps she will take a P. W. degree some day. Best luck, Frances.

EMMA DICK

Emma—better known to us as "Dick"—is one of those bright, cheerful types with a disposition that makes many friends for her. Not only good in feasts, eatin' and sitting up all night, much to the annoyance of the Executive Board, but she also excels as a student. We are sure wherever she goes, she will always be a credit to Blackstone.

ALICE EARLY

Of all the true blue girls in school, Alice stands foremost. She can be funny and yet serious, but never does she forget to be always cheerful and happy. Those of us who know her know the meaning of a real friend. And as she goes forth to seek a college career her many friends wish her great happiness and predict for her great success.

JULIA HARRY

Although Julia is just a wee little girl she is a bundle of enduring love and energy. She has worked hard in her courses and gained a good name by it. She has won a place in many hearts, and is a friend who will always be remembered. Success is our wish for you, Julia, and may your Blackstone days never be forgot.

ELIZABETH JOHNSON

"Liz," a mighty good pal to have, came to us from West Virginia. She's cheerful, pleasant, and willing—talkative, too—a true blue friend. We wish we could have you longer. And we hope your good nature and sunny disposition will win for you as many friends in life as you have won at Blackstone.





JOY LUSBY

A sweet, winsome, blue-eyed lass came to us last year winning in many hearts a warm spot. Joy is a most talkative and entertaining person. We love her for what she is—she's the joy of our class. Here's to your success and happiness, Joy—may you not forget your days at Blackstone.

LOUISE MAPP

"To know her is to love her." But can we claim her for our own? With her black hair and brown eyes, she would attract attention anywhere. Her beauty, which is only one of her many assets, has charmed for her a host of friends at Blackstone. And as you leave Blackstone's portals remember our love will go with you, Louise.

EFFIE MOORE

All who know Effie love her for her frankness and sincerity. She is not only lovely to look upon but a true pal in every respect. The "Georgia girl" has won a big spot in our hearts and her departure makes us sad. We wish we were having you longer.

DOROTHY PALMER

Dorothy is the girl we all adore, for who could resist her? She is a friend, staunch and true. Popular, brilliant in her classes and an all-round girl. Our love and wishes for a happy and successful career go with you, "Dot," our little "Sunshine Maker."

FRANCES PHILLIPS

Young but sophisticated? Well, you would probably think so if you knew her—Frances is pretty, too, and has a smile for every one. She has made for herself many friends who admire her for her qualities.

"Nature made her what she is and never made another."

MARGARET RIPBERGER

We found out for a fact that precious things come in small packages when we made our acquaintance with Margaret. She is studious and we deem her as an all-around good sport. She is a friend to all and loved by everyone.

ELIZABETH ROBERTSON

Is she pretty? Why sure. Can she play the violin? Of course. To make a long story short, she's a very talented young lady and we feel sure she will succeed whether it be to delight the world or one man's heart.

LUCILE VEITCH

Lucile will always hold a place in the hearts of her many friends. Pretty, attractive and accomplished—that's "Lou." She's always there and is the life of the party. Whenever you see her she is laughing and happy and gay. We shall miss "Lou" from old B. C., and we wish her the best of luck in her life's work whatever it may be.

MARGARET WILSON

"Full of fun and mischief, too; doing things she shouldn't do." Margaret is one of those girls we all love to be with. The gods have been kind to her—she is attractive, talented, and pretty. May the hand of fate be good to you, Bud, and may success ever await you.

FRANCES YATES

Frances will always hold a place in the hearts of her friends. She has proved to all of us what a wonderful smile and a sweet disposition really mean. Our love and best wishes for happiness and success go with you, Frances, as you leave Blackstone school days and pals.





A backward view



Exhibition of Rats



Porter's? Just Rats



A hilarious proposal!



Pals! The heart of B.C.G.



Snappy looking dudes-eh?



Over-loading "Elizebeth"?



"Ye olden days"!



Off to Williamsburg!
not insane-but happy



Bowing low to
Mademoiselle Neige



Good Timers



Not such a
bad pair!



MISS HELEN HANNA
Sponsor

High School Junior Class

Motto: Steadfast of purpose

Colors: Red and White

Flower: Poppy

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 Lucy Wagstaff
 Nannie Guy Watkins
 Ruth Watson
 Orvetta Weston
 Clarice Wynn

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MISS LILLIAN SKELTON
Sponsor

Sophomore Class

Motto: Great oaks rise from little acorns

Colors: Old Rose and Silver

Flower: Columbine

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Marion Finny
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Mary Smith
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Mary Mullins
Clara Murray

Roxie Albert
Katherine Garrett
Mary Cabiness
Kate Coleman
Nellie Huff
Martha Wright



MISS TEMPE ELLEN
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Freshman Class

Motto: Climbing Upward

Colors: Blue and Ivory

Flower: Tulip

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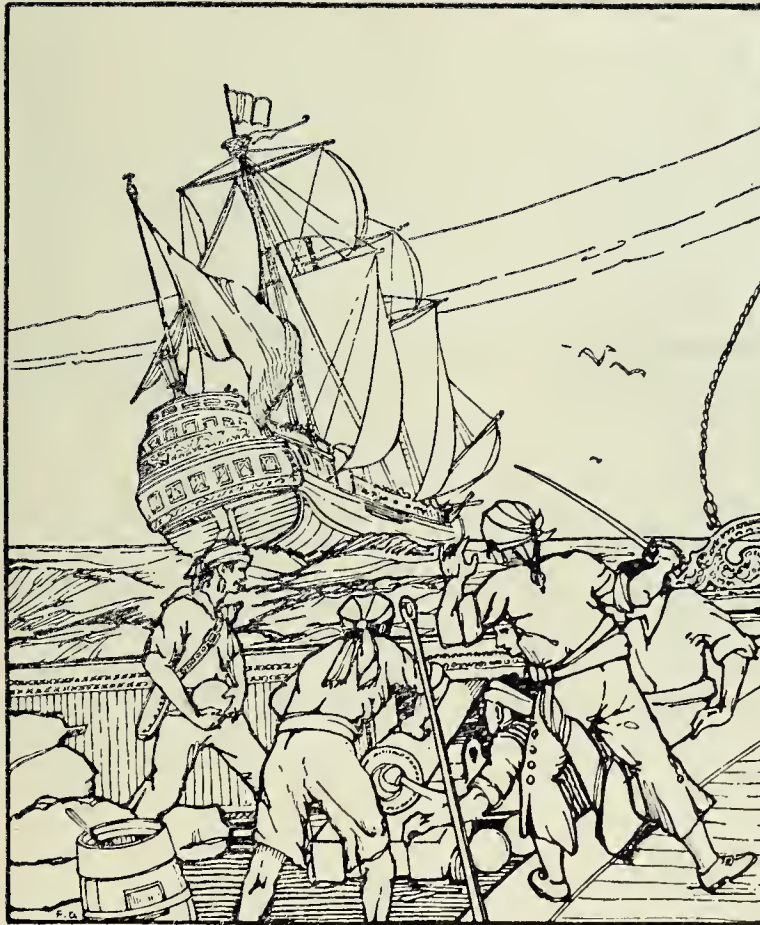


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McFoy Knight

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Hilda Waldrop

Ora Dale Ware



Book III

*On stormy nights when wild norwesters
rave,
How proud a thing to fight with wind
and wave!
The dripping sailor on the reeling mast
Exults to bear, and scorns to wish it past.*



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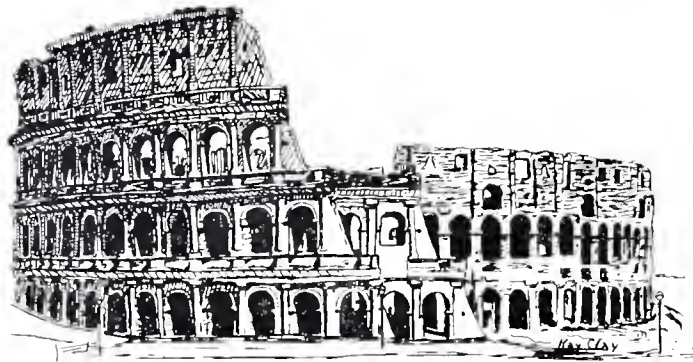


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"While stands the Colosseum, Rome shall stand;
When falls the Colosseum, Rome shall fall;
When Rome falls—the World."

—BYRON.

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Magna Suasor

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Madison Club

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Motto: "The higher you look, the further you see"

Flower: Mountain Laurel

Song: Home to Our Mountains

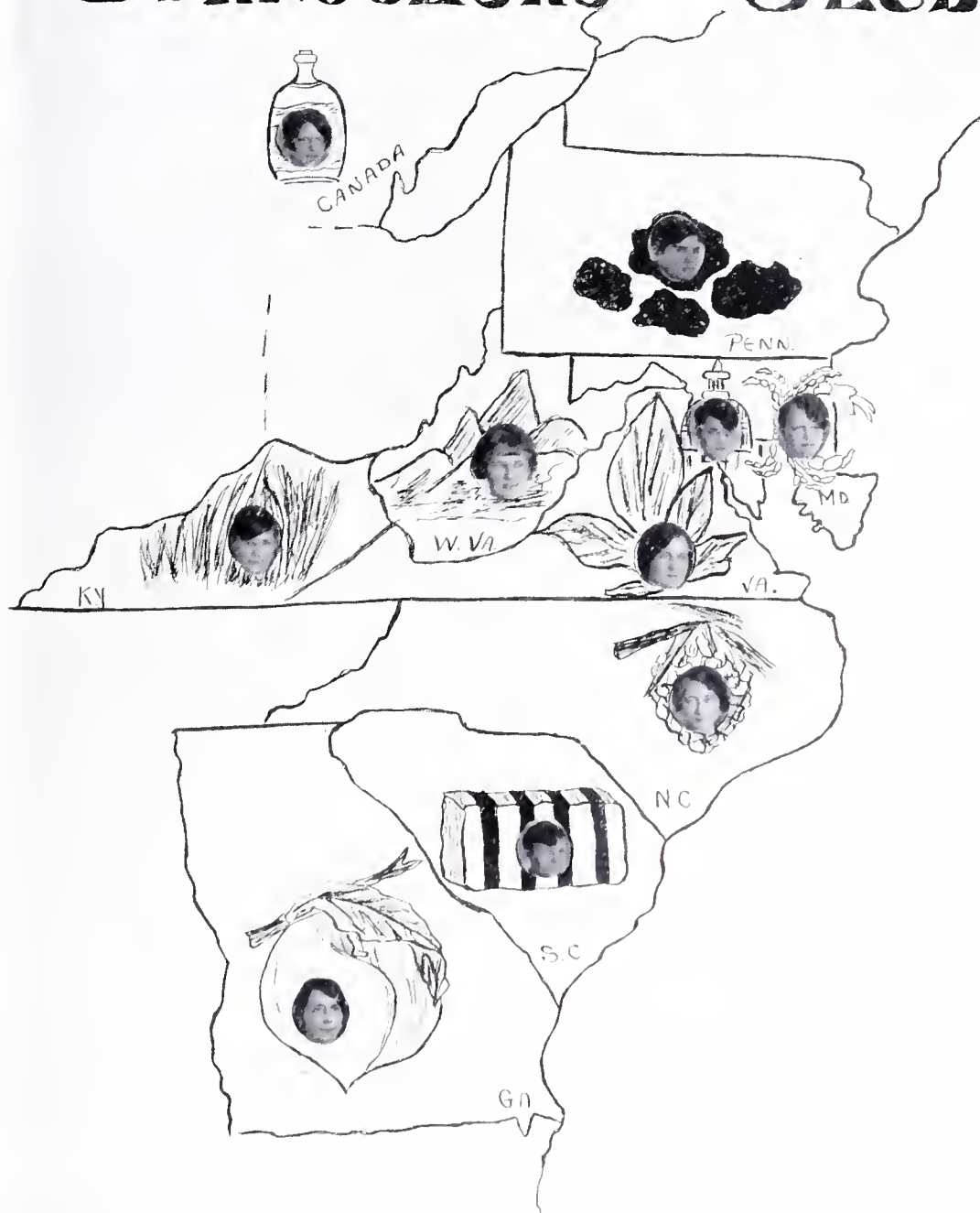
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Motto: Sink or Swim

Song: Down by the Riverside

Colors: Green and White

Flower: Water Lily

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MOTTO - NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO A WINNING HEART

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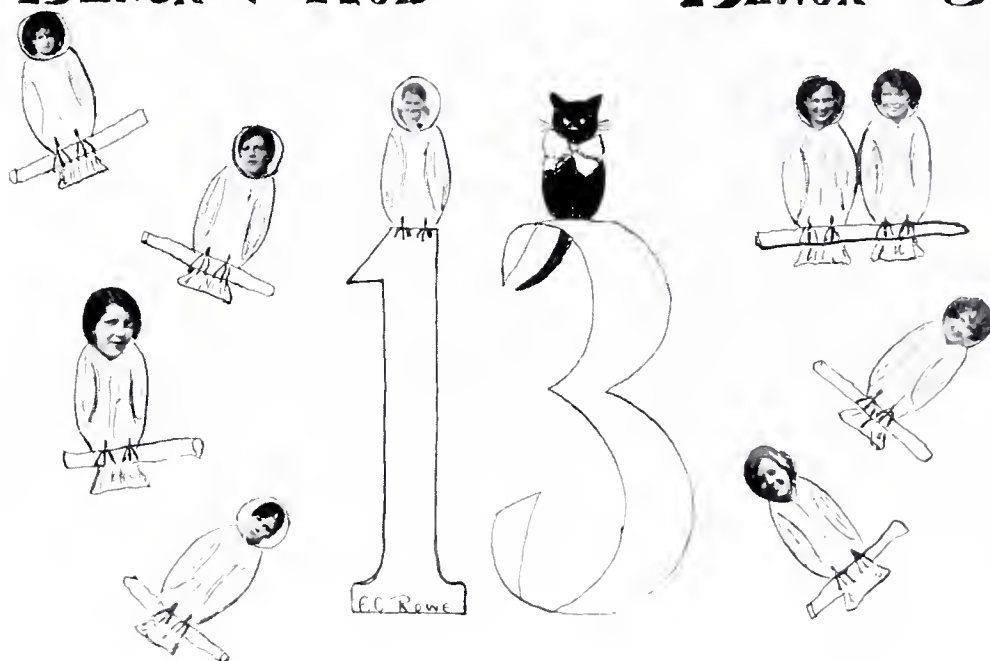
MOTTO - I'M NOT SUPERSTITIOUS

COLORS

MASCOT

BLACK + RED

BLACK CAT



Sponsors: Jan Fales Debbie Ellison

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Conner Clark Lee

Malul Nash Gus.

Pat Winkler

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Guadalupe White

Barbara Fisher.





Northern Neck Club

LUCY WARING.....President
 GEORGIA MANN.....Vice-President
 CATHERINE ENGLISH.....Secretary-Treasurer
 MR. GATES.....Sponsor

Motto: "We build the ladder by which we climb back to the Northern Neck everytime."

Song: "In the Evening by the Moonlight in the Good Old Northern Neck."

Colors: Sea Green and Shell Pink

Favorite Dish: Clam Chowder

Flower: Water Lily

MEMBERS

Gladys Crowther
 Myrtle Crowther
 Artrice Dungan
 Catherine English
 Elinor Hall

Helen Hawthorne
 Mae Hinson
 Helen Hurst
 Georgia Mann
 Frances Reed

Lucy Waring

HONORARY MEMBER

Dorothy Ogden



West Virginia Club

MISS OTEY, *Sponsor*

Motto: "Mountaineers are always free"

Flower: Rhododendron

Colors: Gold and Blue

Song: "West Virginia Hills"

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Day Student Club

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Motto: "Better late than never"

Colors: Rose and Silver

Flower: Morning Glory

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 Alice Wells

Inez Watkins



The Eastern Shore Club

*"In POTATOES
We Trust"*

OFFICERS

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MEMBERS

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Mary Kellam
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North Carolina Club

Motto: B² C²

Colors: Orchid and Gold

Flower: Chrysanthemum

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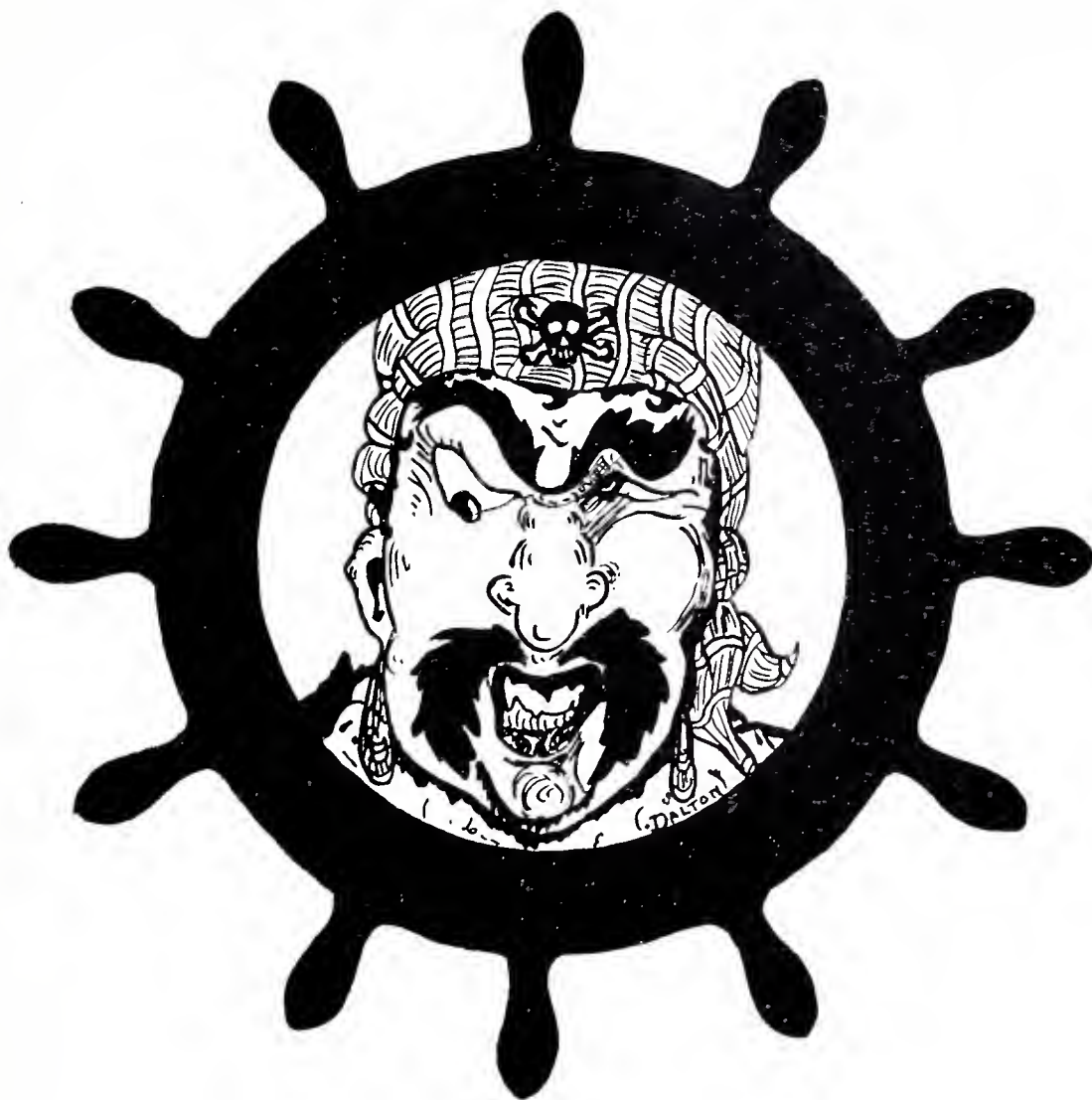
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Holman
Bridgforth

Grimman

Trevey
Marks
Barrow

Smith

King
Coleman
Hardy

Moore

Keene
White
Robinson

Kellam

Saunders
Marshall
Biddle



Sigma Iota Chi

(Founded 1903)

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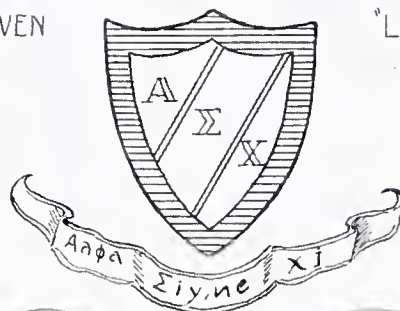
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Olivia Sigma

Motto: Obedience, Loyalty, Ideals, Ambitions

Flower: Magnolia

Colors: Green and White

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Mildred Purdum

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Aldine Beery

Alice Early



A sunbeam
kissed by the sun~



A jolly good bunch!



"Miss Blackstone"
surveys her kingdom



Gangway—we're coming!



"Our' sweetheart"



Ain't snowballing fun?



Chums!



"Cadets"



"Anti-Prohibitionists"



Sisters! AΣX



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Ruth Rogers

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Dumky, Atsuk	End and Kyphok
Halek	Kodward Kyphok
The Americans Ha, Gumi	Fay Foster
Mia	Webster
Parade (On the Death of an Infant)	M. Laurel
Arabesque	Debussy
Mia	Fuller
Impressions	
Mia	Webster
Rhapsody No. 8	F. Liszt
Mia	Fuller
Dramatic Episode	
Act I from	
The Fool"	Charlotte Fuller
Mia	Webster

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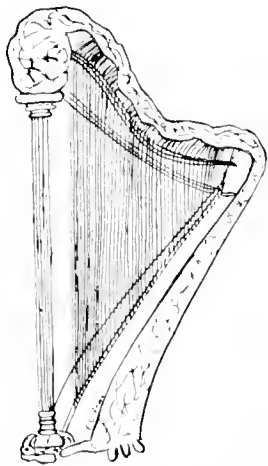
G. TARTINI SONATA in G Major
Adagio
Sopr. Flute, Pic.
English Horn, Clarinet in E
Violoncello

CORELLI LEONARD I LA FOLTA (Cavatina) in Sol major
Violoncello

R. GOLDMARK ARIE Tron Andante Con moto
Violoncello, Mandolin, Flute
HORN, TRUMPET, TROMBONE
SPANISH TANGIE No. 1a Op. 15
Violoncello

EMANUEL MOON ARIE Tron Andante Con moto
Violoncello, Flute, Pic., Trombone, Trumpet, Trombone

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ARI. VARI. Op. 2 No. 2
Violoncello

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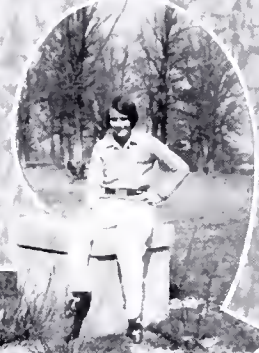
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*Woodward
Cheer Leader Bat.*

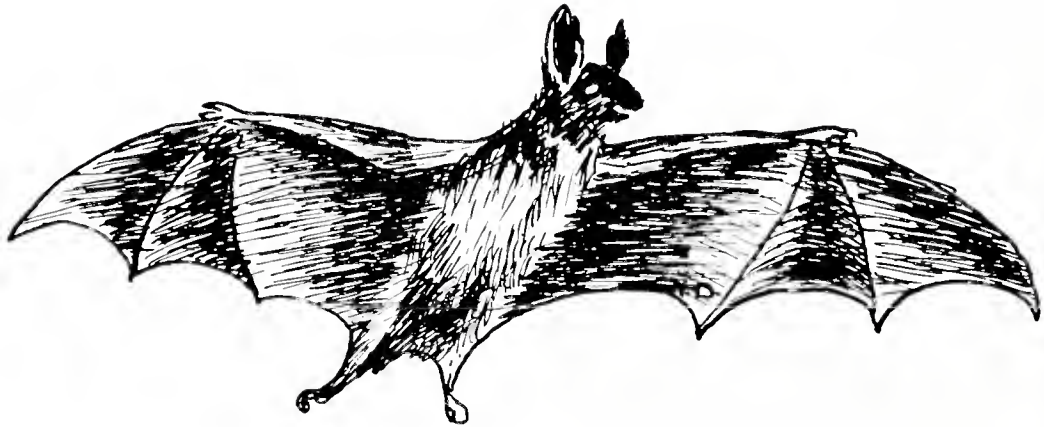
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BASKET-BALL SQUAD



TENNIS TEAM



BAT SQUAD—KATHLEEN CLAY, *Captain*



TIGER SQUAD—VIRGINIA KEENE, *Captain*

"Ye Rambling Ten"



EDNA JOHNSON
Hiking Master

ROLL CALL

Irene Bailey
Annie Laurie Barden
Julia C. Bowler
Catherine Crump
Evelyn B. Symms
Sally Tiller
Emily Tysinger
Mary Margaret Williams
Hattie May Winstead



Jolly Rovers

Hiking Master: EVELYN HARVEY
ROLL CALL

Clark
Coleman
Carpenter

Downing
Dunkum
Fruit

Halligan
Hudson
E. Kellam

M. Kellam
Rose



The Happy-Go-Luckies

Chief Cook

"LYLL" WYNN

Bottle Washer

SUSIE JAMES

Soup Strainer

"SHINE" CRAVEN

Hash Slinger

"LIZ" WOODARD

Potato Poker

RUBY ADAMS

Good for Nothing

"JO" HAMM

Biggest Eater

MARGARET WILSON

Soda Jerker

CLARICE WYNN

Athletics



NOT only did the doors of Blackstone College open September 15th, but also the gates to the tennis courts. The courts being crowded for six weeks after the opening, the contestants for the "New and Old Girl" tournament found difficulty in arranging their schedule.

Immediately after these interesting games, the "Old Girls" being victorious, all was excitement over the preparation for Thanksgiving Day.

From the races of the "Bats" and "Tigers" before breakfast to the tennis match in the afternoon through the basket-ball game that night, pep and success prevailed.

Thanksgiving Day being joyfully over, basket-ball started in with full swing. From the forty girls who came to the court faithfully each day, twelve were picked by Coach Ellen and Assistant Coach Wynn to form the "Squad." The season was a successful and an enjoyable one, even though four teams cancelled their games—SCARED???

Not only showers will come with the April days but baseball, track and tennis. Everyone is looking forward to these sports which always make the spring at B. C. G. delightful.

SQUAD MEMBERS

Brubaker, f.	Wright, f.	Early, s-c.	Saunders, g.
Mitchell, f.	Clay, j-c.	Wynn, j-c.	Smith, g.
Wilcher, f.	Dickson, s-c.	Keene, g.	Watkins, g.

BASKET-BALL SCHEDULE, 1927-'28

November	16—Victoria	7	Blackstone College	47
November	19—Kenbridge High	25	Blackstone College	34
November	24—Blackstone High	21	Blackstone College	27
December	8—Petersburg High	22	Blackstone College	25
December	15—Oak Level High	14	Blackstone College	35
December	17—Petersburg High	13	Blackstone College	16
January	13—Kenbridge High	23	Blackstone College	35
January	21—Lynchburg College	37	Blackstone College	11
February	18—Lynchburg College	39	Blackstone College	24
March	2—Ashland High	10	Blackstone College	28



Literary

Memories Treasures

(FROM a B. C. G. GIRL'S LINE-A-DAY BOOK)

SEPTEMBER 15, 1927—Blackstone witnessed many happy reunions today, —also a lot of grand material for rat week.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1927—The Kid Party that the Y. W. gave tonight made the gymnasium look like a kindergarten. There were sure some sweet babies there.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1927—The teachers looked their classes over for the first time today.

OCTOBER 1, 1927—The High School Seniors gave an automobile party tonight—Oh! no! they didn't leave the building.

OCTOBER 6, 1927—Mr. Richmond Seay, violinist, gave the first recital of the season. Miss Emily Blair accompanied him.

OCTOBER 22, 1927—The Hare and Hound Race that the Y. W. started this evening turned out to be the best of wiener roast.

OCTOBER 31, 1927—It may be well to call the Hallowe'en party, that the Y. W. gave in the gymnasium, a scream, for—well there were several just such noises during the evening.

NOVEMBER 7, 1927—Rat week started today.

NOVEMBER 10, 1927—Second recital, Miss Emily Blair, pianist.

NOVEMBER 11, 1927—Senior-Faculty tea.

NOVEMBER 14, 1927 — Excursion trip to Williamsburg via bus.

NOVEMBER 16, 1927—B. C. G. won her first basket-ball game tonight. Blackstone, 27; Victoria Independent, 7.

NOVEMBER 19, 1927—We played Kenbridge tonight and won 35-24.

NOVEMBER 21, 1927 — Several of the girls and a part of the faculty heard the Luella Melius concert in Richmond tonight.



NOVEMBER 24, 1927—Turkey Day at B. C. G. The Bats won four races out of seven this morning before breakfast. Helen Wilcher and Virginia Keene won the tennis championship. There was one exciting time in the gym tonight where our girls met the Blackstone High School team on the basket-ball court. We surely had to struggle, but finally came out on top with the score 27-21.

DECEMBER 5, 1927—Everyone enjoyed the splendid program tonight given by Miss Marjorie Webster, Reader.

DECEMBER 9, 1927—The team played Petersburg High tonight. Score: B. C. G., 25; P. H. S., 21.

DECEMBER 16, 1927—Recital by Music and Expression Department.

DECEMBER 17, 1927—The team returned the Petersburg game tonight—Won again. Score: 25-22.

DECEMBER 18, 1927—Christmas Cantata, by the Glee Club.

DECEMBER 19, 1927—After the big Christmas Tree in the Library, this afternoon, the girls all left for the Christmas Holidays.

JANUARY 3, 1928—The girls are back again and "feelin' a little bit blue."

JANUARY 5, 1928—New York Philharmonic Orchestra in Richmond.

JANUARY 13, 1928—A lucky day for the team. It beat Kenbridge.

JANUARY 14, 1928—Recital by Austin Conradi, pianist.

JANUARY 20, 1928—Concert given by the Randolph-Macon Glee Club.

JANUARY 23, 1928—Paderewski Concert, in Richmond.

JANUARY 26, 1928—Mid-term exams started today.

FEBRUARY 17, 1928—The town folks thought the school was on fire when they saw the light from the big bonfire that the girls built just before the game with Lynchburg. The score was in Lynchburg's favor again.

MARCH 2, 1928—The team played Ashland High in the new Randolph-Macon gym tonight and won 28-10.

MARCH 3, 1928—Concert by J. C. Van Hulsteyn, violinist.

MARCH 10, 1928—The Seniors planted cherry trees back of the tennis courts this evening.

MARCH 15, 1928—Annual goes to press!



“The Banshee”

*'Twas the first week in November,
About the dusk o' ev'n-tide,
That Mister O'Nale o' the auld
O'Nales was hameward bound to hide.*

*A cooeld, cooeld wynd was climbin' hie;
A mile or twa he had to gae;
What makes that cooeld wynd in your heart,
The holloze o' your heart to blae?*

*What's there, O God be guide to us!
In th' cantle o' the bridge?
An auld auld woman sittin' there
A' cuddled on the ridge.*

*'Tis a cooeld, cooeld lodging, ma-am,
Is there anything the matter?
But she rocked to and fro as her heart 'twould break;
So he made for to touch the creytur.*

*The Lord be betune us and harm!
Her hair was streelin' on the ground
A yard about her where she sat,
A curlin' and anglin' a' arounde.*

*The likes o' it was ne'er yet seen
On mortal woman, younge or auld,
At first it seemed a silv'ry, gray,
Another squint its colors canna be tolde.*

*It ran down o'er her shouldrs stoop'd,
And the shapely arms beneath her head,
An o'er the greenish gozond
O' no earthly cloth made, 'twas said.*

*She turned her fa as pale as corpse,
An as most o' freckles on it,
An the twa eyen sewen in wi red thred
Had a dead-an-live look that flit.*

*Up riz she frae her hunkers,
An wi tæa eyes gazin in a stare,
An her tæa arms stretchd out fore her,
An a keine that riz up the hair.*

*Away she glides, glides rounde the bridge
An down wi her into the stream,
Into the cowl'd water eirelin rounde an rounde;
'Twas then O'Nales came frae his dremc.*

*The keine was heard keenin round the ha'
O' the auld O'Nales, in the county Tyrone,
Next mornin they buried Mister O'Nales
By the bridge o' the banshee to atone.* HELEN HANNA.



Earthbound

There are men and women in this world of ours who never see the stars above but are continually staring at the earth beneath. Far too many never see beyond their noses, and never wander into realms of the imaginative and supernatural. Especially is this true in the present time, where we hustle and bustle from one thing to another and place so much emphasis on material things. It is a pity that we do not have more dreaming and a little less doing. Men too often act automatically with no more appreciation of true values than a machine.

Such people are bound to the earth as truly as if they were held there by a chain. There are many reasons for their being earthbound. Some have been too busy keeping soul and body together. Some have never sufficiently explored the rich fields of literature and art to see the glory in life. Many, largely because of our modern scientific research, have reduced everything to a mechanism; they have been oblivious to that thing which aids more than any other factor in lifting to a true conception of God.

And oh! how dreary and valueless is the life of an individual of this type. At no time does he experience the wonderful spiritual blessings, never escaping from disappointment by the delightful task of castle-building. No goal looms ahead, no inner voice urges him to greater things. He cannot look beneath the mire and grime of the beggar's face and see the spirit within. He never looks beyond the black coal to the warmth it gives, to the cheer and

brightness it brings everywhere. Little of the intangible ideals—virtue, hope have an opportunity to beautify his life.

On the other hand, if everyone should dwell a little more away from the earth, this struggle called life would be much more delightful. It is true that there must be a return to the mere earth for the accomplishment of commonplace, routine work. Yet, how much easier that work would be, if the toilers would indulge in a few more of those care-free, imaginative moments when it seems possible for anything to happen and that

“God’s in his heaven—
All’s right with the world!”

Therefore, the people who really live worthily are those who are not entirely earthbound. There is the mother who sees beyond the drudgery of house-keeping to her beautiful ideals for home and children. There is the inventor whose work had shaped itself in his brain long before it has materialized. Notice the artist who looks up and sees the beauty and wonders of nature, depicts these, and gives delight to a workaday world. Gain a lesson from the preacher who sees the infinite possibility of a human life.

More citizens in our communities are needed who are willing to look above the earth for visions. They will realize the higher values of life. Those of the hurrying twentieth century must regain some of their ideals. They must look beyond their daily tasks toward eternity. Science and industry, art and literature, need those who can see

“Sermons in trees,
Books in running brooks,
And good in everything.”

Our bodies are held on the earth by the law of gravitation, but our spirits may roam as far as they wish. Airplanes are being constructed to lift our bodies above the earth. Are not some spiritual airplanes needed to carry our spirits above the petty, trivial earthly things?

V. NEEL.



Weeds

Weeds are something with which no one has any patience and treats cruelly. Whenever we think of weeds we imagine something which we would like to chop down with a hoe, pull up by the roots and allow to die of starvation. Their riddance is our chief aim. When we see weeds in other people’s yards,

gardens, and fields we think what lazy people must live there and wonder why they do not try to make their surroundings more attractive by killing the weeds.

Why is it that everyone and everything is an enemy of weeds? For strawberry beds and bean rows would naturally regard weeds as their chief enemy since they grow, push them out of their rightful places and try to monopolize the land. Are weeds so abominable as this? Are they of no use to anybody or anything even in their own rightful places? Perhaps they have no place of their own. The dictionary gives the definition of a weed as any plant growing in cultivated ground to the injury of the crop or desired vegetation. In this case the weed does not have a place in life or even a space of its own. Therefore, it is only natural that it should live in the ground belonging to something else, which necessitates a strong constitution for its existence.

We can not have any great varieties of weeds, due to the fact that what would be called a weed in one locality would certainly not be a weed in another. For instance, if a farmer, while hoeing beans in his garden found some plant which was not a bean he would most likely chop it down for a weed. It might be spared, but it is not probable. He could take this little plant, transplant it, and tend it every day. Later a pretty blossom might appear. Would it still be called a weed or would it not be a flower now? We have people in this world who appear as weeds. If they were transplanted, loved, and helped a little, perhaps they might someday be flowers also.

Although we do not have any great varieties of weed, if you will notice people very often call the stalks of flowers, "some old weed." Think how applicable this is to life. How often are people called "just some old weed" who may have been flowers, although they might have bloomed in lonely places and have been seen by few people? These people are criticized frequently for what they do and what they fail to do by people who could not see them bloom.

H. M. WINSTEAD.



Paper Dolls

In looking back, thinking over the pleasant ways little folks have of amusing themselves, when toys are out of reach and they must be amused, I can think of nothing which gives more real pleasure than an old stand-by, the fascinating game of paper dolls. Not the fancy ones that are such a bother to keep nice, but the simple comfortable ones that are cut from the last winter's style catalogue.

You may blush when speaking of them now, for girls quite grown do not think of such things as playing dolls. But really now be honest, didn't you spend more than one pleasant hour in this way?

How many secrets the paper doll family hears, which are quite too sacred for the nice, new French dolly! Some of them cannot even be told to Raggeldy Mary Jane. She is too much in demand when others come to play and might reveal the cherished secret.

You can sit for hours and select beautiful clothes and only have to cut them for dolly to have an entirely new wardrobe. There is no tedious sewing and fitting. Each member of the family—paper doll families are always large—can have numbers of dresses and coats and hats, for no cost at all and a great deal of fun.

Paper dolls make lovely companions when you are in an angry mood, too. Often you get really angry, and want to scratch and tear and bite. At such times it's dangerous for human companions to be too near. Just go and "take it out" on a paper doll that you don't like anyway—there you can scratch and tear and bite to your heart's content. The innocent doll looks as if she is enjoying it. She keeps the same smiling face, seeming to say, "Poor Mortal, I'm glad that I am not as you, but I don't mind this abusement." You soon find that you no longer wish to be violent.

They are also excellent companions when you want to quarrel, for they won't dare to speak until you tell them what to say. In this manner they are far from resembling human companions. It's very soothing, don't you think?

In these companions all of your childish air-castles are fulfilled. You have one young lady who has charmed thousands and caused thunders of applause by her magnificent voice. There is a man in your group, who is president of an immense railroad company, and all of the number are famous in one way or another.

Sometimes they live in fine houses and in the same day may change to the smallest, not minding in the least. That's the beauty of the game, they move and speak and live according to your own sweet will. Never murmuring, always content. That's why they give pleasure.

Perhaps, too, that's why you soon out grow them. You need more than mere dolls which can be pushed and pulled exactly as you wish. Real human companions are needed to make existence more surprising and more helpful.

The thought still persists, however, that life, would be more pleasant, sometimes, if some people were paper-dolls.

A. E. FRUIT.

Laughter as a Social Asset

Laughter is the key which has unlocked many hearts of sorrow, envy, hatred, and fear to the beauty of the world, which is none other than that of joy or merriment.

It plays a great rôle in our lives to-day and especially that of a social necessity, for the world could not prosper or grow very rapidly if it were not for the laughter that nourishes the thoughts of people.

Most of our closest friends and companions have been won through our own mirth and fun, for we know that we cannot laugh alone, but our joys are shared and our laughter responded to by our fellowmen about us. Thus, we can say that it is laughter that has brought and is still seeking to bring individuals closer together day by day.

Probably our social world rests almost entirely upon laughter, for it is joy that acts and has acted as a great magnet, continually drawing persons into the circle of fellowship. Not only does it serve as a magnet, but it lightens the many wearisome burdens that we are compelled to bear during our lives.

Society does not want to be afflicted with a person who is always looking on the dark side of life, but prefers one who is joyous. For, if we expect to be of any benefit to society we must have a little sense of humor, at least and after all, "the man worth while is the man who will smile when everything goes dead wrong."

What a tiresome and cold world this would be if there were none to laugh and cheer the disheartened, the sick, the poverty-stricken, and the lonely! It is that great force and none other, laughter, that has charmed and comforted all sorrow and grief. Nor is the task ever completed. Laughter will go on with its work throughout the wide universe, giving zest when we need it the most, when life grows humdrum and dreary.

When confronted with the tasks of everyday life, we are too serious for our own good. Instead of being so we should try to find joy in every undertaking and thus will drudgery be turned to play.

Why not bring laughter forward instead of shrinking from it as some have a tendency to do? In our walks of life, even in our darkest moments, let us go hand in hand with this great and important force. For, is it not laughter that drives away the gloom from our souls?

Our world in which we are living cannot and will not progress socially, if laughter is lacking; for after all, laugh and the world laughs with you.

M. PURDUM.

Second Best

Consciously or unconsciously, every individual is seeking a goal. Perhaps there are those of us whose aims are unworthy and even shallow, yet we instinctively cling to a vision which stands for the attainment of desire. Youth, in particular, is so filled with enthusiasm that it is inclined to be optimistic in the face of every defeat.

Life is kind to many. Untiring perseverance means the realization of hopes and the fulfilment of dreams. There are earnest toilers who find themselves at the top of the ladder called success. To these people we pay obeisance. Tribute is due those hard working mortals at whom fate has smiled and upon whom fortune has lavishly scattered her blessings.

But what of those people who are ever in the race, just behind the victor, and finally come in second best? Is there no balm to offset the bitterness of defeat? Are there no laurels for the struggle regardless of a tangible success?

A young man is sitting, head bowed, face in hands. His brow is furrowed and there are lines of pain in a countenance that speaks of innumerable hardships. Across his vision stretches a panorama of events.

A carefree child is happily wending his way to school. He faces the world, strong of mind, sound of body, eager to conquer. Weeks, months, and years pass eventful and significant in the young life. The child is an excellent student yet there is always someone whose mark is a few points higher and he is doomed to miss the honors which are given for scholarship.

The time comes for high school. There is still a smile on his lips and a determination in his heart which overcomes former discouragement. During these four years the boy develops into manhood. Somehow, in spite of popularity and ability, there is always someone else who succeeds in playing the game faster and is given the reward.

Now standing upon the threshold of his college career, the young man resolves to fight this foe called second best and by dint of hard labor, overcome his adversity. College is a repetition of high school, on a larger scale. There is a classmate who exceeds him in speed and weight by a small margin. Yet that margin counts as in football and he fails to make his position on the team. The class presidency goes to his room-mate by the majority of two votes. He loses the Validictory by the fraction of a point. The last night of commencement he meets the girl. Here the picture is diffused in a rose-colored glamour.

Suddenly the vision fades. The young man puts aside dreams for reality. In a few minutes he plans to compete for a greater honor than ever before. Yet the gray shadow of doubt is present. Will she accept a man who can only offer her the attainment of second best?

A few minutes later he confesses his love and with it his failing. Her reply is a guide by which we may all find consolation.

"Do you realize that you have an honor which is bestowed upon the few? There is only one person who can reach a higher plane. Yet there are multitudes below you. That person can do one thing best but you can do many things second best. God is exceedingly just in meting out your portion of attainment. Treasure your talent for it is worthy of greatest appreciation."

Does not that answer offer sufficient recompense for the valiant endeavor and worthy attempts of those who seek and fail to find?

R. ROGERS.



The Travel of a Pocketbook

"I'd like to see that black pocketbook, please," I heard the stout lady shopper say to the sales girl. You can just imagine how proud I felt to be selected from among all the other pocketbooks in the showcase. The lady, stroking my shiny back, admired my gay lining, tiny mirror, and change purse within. Then I heard her tell the clerk that she would take me. Giving the girl a bill for five dollars the lady tucked me under her arm and started out of the store. Thus began my travels.

As she walked along, the huge fur cuffs on my lady's coat almost smothered me but somehow I managed to peek out and get a glimpse of the world I had never seen before. On and on she walked until we came to a car. My lady threw me on the seat by a number of bundles and then climbed in herself. I must have fallen asleep, for my first conscious moment was when I was again being smothered under my lady's fur cuffs. We were going into a room filled with women laughing and chatting. One of them commented on how good looking I was and my lady only answered, "I think it is a right neat little bag, but this is the only outfit I can wear it with." So—I was not to go with my lady every time she did and I was not to see so much of the world after all. Just for that I decided to roll off of the piano where I had been put. Probaby this would bring adventure.

Days and days passed. I was still under the sofa where I had fallen. My shiny coat was all covered with dust, and I felt stiff from being still so long. I was getting very tired of the darkness and disappointed that nothing exciting had happened to me. I felt two little hands picking me up, and at the same time a voice exclaimed that I was just the thing she wanted. Before I could realize what was happening I found myself being carried into a room where there were many people. Looking about, I saw that the room was filled with hats, dresses, shoes, and other wearing apparel. In a few minutes I was again tucked under someone's arm and a childish voice said, "Come in, Mrs. Jones. You just look lovely today, and what a pretty pocketbook you have." The second childish voice answered, "I think it is pretty too, and I can use it with everything I wear." Life promised happiness, for now I had a mistress who would take me with her everywhere she went and I'd see the world at last.

Little did I know that I was just part of the game, children playing "dress up"; that the rest of my days would be spent in a playhouse.

M. H. GRAY.



Opportunity

*Out of the future, into the past,
Dreaming the dreams that never last;
Out of the past, toward the future so high,
Where all our hopes, and ambitions lie,
Out of our school, a rich life to live,
We look back and a toast we give.*

*Out of ourselves, to duty sublime,
Where prints are made on the sands of time,
Out of our memories, Blackstone's Crest,
From her rich store, we've been blessed,
Out of our school, our lives to live,
We look back, and a toast we give.*

G. CROWTHER.



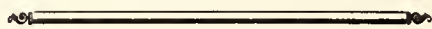
Book IV

*I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.*

*Our todays and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.*



FEATURES





Bessie Grimman
MISS BLACKSTONE



Virginia Neel

•• MOST INTELLECTUAL



Lyll Wynn
MOST ATHLETIC



Kathleen Clay
MOST TALENTED



Audrey Trevey
MOST CHARMING



Dorothy Ogden

• • PRETTIEST • •



Aldine Beery
CUTEST

Alma Mater

*Oh dear Blackstone, Alma Mater,
We thy daughters come to thee,
Seeking friends that make us nobler,
Seeking truth that makes us free,
Seeking courage, faith and wisdom,
And the strength to triumph wrong,
Hear, oh, hear us, loving mother,
As we lift to thee our song.*

CHORUS

*Guide, oh guide us, mother dear,
May we ever feel thee near,
May thy daughters live and love
And grow forever, mother dear,
Oh-Oh Blackstone, here's to thee,
Here's to truth that makes us free,
Here's to fame and praise and honor,
And a student's love for thee.*

II

*Hail—oh Blackstone, Alma Mater,
We with grateful hearts do sing,
For we called and thou didst answer,
Did thy treasures to us bring,
Did unfold to us the mysteries,
Both of books and friendships true,
Now thy daughters answer gladly,
Here's our love, Blackstone, to you.*

III

*Oh—Oh Blackstone, Alma Mater,
As we sing our parting lay,
Life's work calls, we dare not linger,
Though with thee, we fain would stay,
Parting comes, but we'll remember,
These our happy college days,
And be true to thee, dear mother,
Guide us with thy love, we pray.*

—Words by Jean F. Craig, tune of Alma Mater of McTyeire School, China.



*If it weren't for the funny things
That happen every day,
This world would be a lonesome place
To make our little stay.
But Nature said it shall not be
A world deprived of wit;
There must be humor sprinkled in—
At least, a little bit.
The clouds that gather in the sky
Don't last; they soon are gone.
Our troubles are forgotten;
Turn the page; let's ramble on.*

Jokes

Mary Ellice Lee: "Lucy Rogers almost drowned last night."

Betty Montague: "She did, how?"

Mary Ellice: "The pillow slipped, the bed spread, and she fell in the spring."

Miss Glass (somewhat irritated after stumbling over articles in the aisle): "Won't you please move your valise?"

Mary Dickson: "I'm sorry. They're my feet."

Miss Ballard was explaining to her class what was meant by "bigamy." "It means," she said, "having two husbands at one time. Now, can anyone tell me what word means having only one husband?"

"I can, Miss Ballard," said Curly Beery. "Monotony."

Miss Ellen: "What portion of the chicken will you have, Alice?"

Alice Early: "I'll have some of the meat, please."

Bessie Grinnan (talking to some girls): "Don't you know, I wrote a 1,500-word theme for English, and in it was only one original paragraph. The funny part about it tho'—Miss Hanna handed my paper back, and beside that one paragraph she had written, 'Source?'"

Miss Larimore: "Esther when did Cleopatra die?"

Esther King: "I don't know. I haven't been reading the papers lately."

"What's wrong with the sentence, Alice?" asked Miss Skelton. "'The horse and cow is in the lot'."

Alice Law's reply was: "'The cow and horse is in the lot'."

"What makes you correct it that way, Alice?"

"The lady should be mentioned first," said Alice.

Mary Holmes Smith (commenting on a Blackstone dinner): "My land! This is a delicious dinner. Sweet potatoes ain't sweet, snap beans ain't snappy, and meat ain't been met."

They were talking about modern music and dancing. "I don't like dancing to jazz," said Shirley Linthicum. "It's nothing but hugging set to music."

"Well," said Joy Lusby, "What is there about that that you object to?"

"The music," Shirley replied.

Frances Dalton: "Jim, what are you going to study?"

"Jim" Dungan: "Study nothin'; as usual. I do that about one hour every two weeks."

"Pat" Rowe: "Lend me fifty cents."

Mary L. Morris: "All right, take it out of the dollar you owe me."

"Can you give me any well known date in Roman history?" asked Miss Larimore.

"I can," said Clarice Wym. "Antony's with Cleopatra."

Miss Hanna: "What's the matter, don't you know the question?"

M. H. Smith: "Yes, but I don't know the answer."

Eugenia White: "Marion, bring your chair over and join us."

Marion Coleman: "No, I'll have to carry it back."

Miss Hanna: "Do you play golf?"

Miss Glass: "Mercy no! I wouldn't know which end of the caddy to hit the ball with."

Margaret Wilson: "What is the date, please?"

Miss Reed: "Never mind the date. The exam is more important."

Margaret: "But I want to have something right."

O. D. Ware: "Miss Skelton would you punish a girl for what she did not do?"

Miss Skelton: "Why, of course not."

O. D. Ware: "Well, I didn't do my English."

Dot Ogden: "I saw the other day where a man was put in prison nineteen years for stealing one loaf of bread."

Rufus Brubaker: "Well, I hope I may never. I shall never steal a cracker."

Mr. Gates: "What do you call it when two persons are thinking of the same thing, Miss Kathleen?"

Kathleen Clay: "Mental telepathy."

Lyll Wym: "Sometimes it's that and sometimes it's just plain embarrassment."

It takes forty seven muscles to make a frown and thirteen muscles to make a smile—so, why not smile?

WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF:

Clarice was Rain instead of Wynn.
Mable was wrong instead of Wright.
Frances was a rush instead of a Reed.
Georgia was a woman instead of a Mann.
Lucile was a maid instead of a Cook.
Mary was a Doctor instead of a Farmer.
Frances was a paddler instead of a Rowe.
"Joe" was a shoulder instead of a Hamm.
Carey was a path instead of a Lane.
Ann was a vegetable instead of a Fruit.
Agatha was Less instead of Moore.
Elizabeth was an ache instead of a Payne.
Henry was an attic instead of a Garrett.
Alice was late instead of Early.
Alice was a rule instead of a Law.
Mildred was a sparrow instead of a Crowe.
Esther was a queen instead of a King.
Kathleen was dirt instead of Clay.
Katherine was an ear instead of an Eye.
Katherine was French instead of English.
Elinor was a room instead of a Hall.
"Bob" was a farmer instead of a Fisher.
Harriet was black instead of Brown.
Virginia was dull instead of Keene.
Helen was a hack instead of a Hurst.
Virginia would sit instead of Neel.
Orvetta was Eastern instead of Western.
Louise was Older instead of Younger.
Ila was stone instead of Wood.
"Jack" was a Chrysler instead of a Ford.
Ruth was a pea instead of a Bean.
Eugenia was green instead of White.
Virginia was a sweet pea instead of a Rose.
Hazel was a merchant instead of a Carpenter.

Ann Fruit: "Do I need a haircut?"

Va. Halligan: "Oh, that's it, I thought you had on a fur cap."

Ruby Dunkum: "I got four B's last term."

Ethel Downing: "Did they sting you?"

Ruth Brubaker: "My goodness! This triflin' pen is just as dry as I am."
Georgia Mann: "Must be mighty dry then."

"Here's to Life. What is it?"

R. Rogers: "Do you like hamberger balls?"
L. Wynn: "I don't think I ever attended one."

I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF:

Mary Biddle would take a sudden fright,
Answer up in class, and her answer wasn't right.

As for Julia Bowler, she is so very tall,
When she looks down at Lewis she can't see him at all.

Now there's Ruth Brubaker, a clumsy little girl,
She never catches a basket-ball 'cause her brain gets in a whirl.

Hazel Carpenter, 'tis said, cannot strike a tune,
But she is often seen gazing at the moon.

The girl minus talents is Kathleen Clay,
To be so untalented, 'twill never pay.

Marion Coleman we all know is crazy about men,
We hear she's to be married soon; wonder when!

No one thinks that Eleanor Craven is a cute little lassie,
Because at the table, she always acts so sassy.

Little frisky Frances Crowder,
Always fond of good clam chowder.

And now for our class poet, Gladys Crowther is her name,
Though tiny in stature, she's made for herself much fame.

Myrtle Crowther is very very dignified,
But we've never yet seen this dignity applied.

Now we see Ethel Downing who thinks she is so bright,
She is always so very studious when the teacher is in sight.

And now comes Ruby Dunkum who pretends a teacher she'll be,
Instead matrimony is her object as anyone can see.

Now for slim Catherine English, the slimmist in the class,
If she continues to drink milk she'll be a fat little lass.

Bessie Grinnan is a big flirt, I've heard,
But those who really know her don't believe a word.

Elinor Hall the girl who never raves,
Talks about the boys so much that it puts you in a daze.

Evelyn Harvey who is never known to laugh,
Can never catch a joke when it goes around the class.

Elizabeth Holman, a wonderful thinker 'tis said,
Who has argued on every subject enough to go to her head.

Helen Hurst in chemistry is a jolly good scout,
But when she is asked a question, she wishes she was out.

Edna Johnson an English student so bright,
Can outdo "Ben" in most every light.

We have often thought of Va. Keene, our good ole sport,
She is good in all athletics—especially on the tennis court.

Now we see Esther King, a dignified little girl,
But when she is around she keeps you in a whirl.

So dry, so lifeless is she;
Georgia Mann, why couldn't you wittier be?

Gertrude Nelson, a Sunday School teacher so dry,
In her class she is never, never shy.

She is neither a Ford, nor a Buick,—but she is a Nash
To my knowledge Pearl has never tasted Blackstone hash.

Next we see Mable Nash who wears a jolly grin,
For her to wear a sober face, I'm sure 'twould be a sin.

There's Willie Newman who talks an awful lot,
Though we've tried very hard we can't get her to stop.

Poor little Dot Ogden who is an unattractive child,
No matter how she dresses she always looks out of style.

Va. Robinson our little baby so dear,
Would be much out of place in a carriage, I fear.

Va. Rose, a friend good and true,
There is nothing for you Va. wouldn't do.

We now see jolly little Frances who's always ready to laugh
As for basket-ball Saunders is the nimblest in the class.

Ladelle Thorpe, who little heathen children wishes to instruct,
Will probably soon be in China—we wish her "Best O' Luck."

Emily Tysinger who is so very short
In high jump she cannot play her part.

Lucy Waring has never seen a fish,
Really this is the reason she is fond of the charming dish.

Helen Wilcher who wouldn't touch a cold drink,
Loves to clean up her room and scrub up the sink.

Lucy Lee Williams, the B. C. G. flirt,
To her teachers in classes is especially pert.

Marion Winn who monopolizes conversation,
Never gives her tongue or brain a vacation.

Elizabeth Woodard who has never been out,
Has had less sweethearts than any girl about.

Charlotte Stansberry's Date: "What, are you here already?"
Charlotte: "I'm here, but I'm not all ready."

Miss Hanna: "What three words are used most among college students?"
Dot Ogden: "I don't know."
Miss Hanna: "Correct."

Agatha Moore: "Too bad Shakespeare wasn't born in London."
Elmer Clark: "Why so?"
Agatha: "I said he was on that exam."

Virginia Rose sat on a bee. Virginia 'rose.

The bus came to a sudden stop.
"What's broken?" inquired a passenger.
"That college girl who just got on," was the reply.

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To all ye listenin' 'round;
Of the celebrated fruit cake,
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*One night, 'twas after light bell rang,
The members of the gang—
Audrey, Esther, Frankie, Keene,
Tango, and Curly were feasting on a bean.
Up spoke one of the scrawny maidens,
With a bright "idee" her mind was laden;
"To the President, let us write," she cried,
"Before we all shall have up and died."
"Aye, aye!" her starving sisters shouted,
Let's at this minute be about it."*

*"Dear Friend," they nobly started
"Before Thanksgiving has departed,
For something we would thankful be,
And this the reason for writing thee.
The 'vittles' here as in other schools are bum;
The pounds we've lost will soon be quite a sum.
We beseech you now to hear our plea,
Some food would fill our hearts with glee.
Respectfully yours," the gang did pen,
And to the White House a "Special" send.*

*For many a day we watched in vain,
And then at last a letter came.
"The President suggests," Mary Randolph wrote,
"That to you a fruit cake be sent"—we began to gloat.
The cake arrived and reposed in state,
Each girl passed by to gaze before too late.
At last the fateful time did come,
When it was devoured to the last small crumb.
And as each juicy morsel we gobbled down
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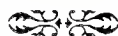
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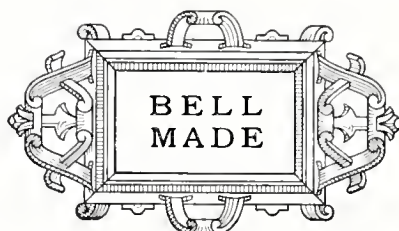
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